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CAN YOU BEAT THIS? Releo has spent £2k on Christmas lights for his house in Seaton Drive to make his son Denis, seven, and daughter Delia, 13, happy

Let it glow, let it glow!

What an amazing ho-ho-home!
A Northampton man with 5,000 Christmas lights on his house is once more spreading some festive cheer.
The property, in Seaton Drive, Standens Barn, has been completely covered with Christmas lights by owner Releo Zamfir.
Releo, 39, has always enjoyed the festive season but started taking his decorations more seriously when he moved to Northampton from Romania in 2002.
Now, having spent £2k on Christmas lights over the years, he says 2014's effort is the best yet. He said: "It has just built up over the years and become bigger and bigger."
"It took me and three of my friends a whole day to put them up, but it is worth it because I do this for my two children. I do it so they enjoy Christmas - it makes them happy."

Teen, 19, arrested over mass brawl

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A 19-year-old man has been arrested in connection with a mass brawl in Bridge Street, Northampton, in which six people were stabbed.

Police were called out to the town centre at about 3.30am last Friday after a fight broke out in Faces bar and then

spilled out into the street. An eye witness described the scene as 'a mass riot', and said it looked similar to the scenes from the London riots in 2011.

As well as the six people who suffered stab wounds, two other people were also injured, one of whom received facial injuries from a bottle.

A spokesman for Northants Police said a man, from London, was arrested

yesterday at about 3pm on suspicion of 'Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH).

Seven of the victims injured in the incident have been discharged from hospital.

The eighth victim remains in hospital, but police say this person is in a stable condition.

Turn to page 7 for the full story.



Cobblers' Clarence trolley dash for kids

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Editor's Letter



If we can survive without traffic lights what else can go?

On the windswept north eastern edge of Northampton Racecourse, where peculiar air currents corral snow, leaves and funfairs at various times of year, Kettering Road meets Kingsley Road and Abington Grove.

It is the White Elephant junction, named after the White Elephant pub which itself was named either: (choose the legend you believe) after the circus animals that used to winter in Northampton; because the pub served no function once the race course stopped holding horse races; or because wild white elephants used to roam through Kingsley in the Middle Ages.

As I write this it's been a few days since the traffic lights were working there.

I think I first noticed it on Saturday.

I rolled up to the junction along Kingsley Road but didn't realise the lights were out. The traffic was moving, there was no red - the small matter of the absence of green was completely glossed over by my brain.

So if you are wondering why they put signs up next to non-working traffic lights that warn you they are not work

My heart sank. I hate seeing the fabric of society hanging off its hinges like that

ing, it is for people like me who wouldn't notice Godzilla stomping along Kingsley front unless there was a giant lizard warning sign taped to his knee.

But my heart sank when I caught up with reality. I hate seeing the fabric of society hanging off its hinges like that.

It is no consolation that the vehicles seemed to be interweaving fairly successfully and in fact the junction was school-holidays style clear on the way back from my school run later in the week.

The junction appears to be flowing much more freely without the interference of traffic management.

But that's not the point.

We get penalised by the law if we run red lights. They can't tell the population that traffic lights are so important the full weight of the law will enforce them but then act as though they are some kind of optional luxury we can do without when they break down.

Even if they do appear to be some kind of optional luxury we can do without...

Steve Scoles



NEWS IN BRIEF

Finally, a date...

Northampton's new railway station will open by January 12, London Midland has said.

The new lifts and bridge opened on Monday. Shortly after the opening, a Starbucks, Cafe Republic and WHSmith store will open.

Open verdict

An inquest into the death of a 15-year-old schoolboy found in a wooded area of Northampton this summer has returned an open verdict.

Emmerson Thompson's body was found at Weston Mill on August 4.

Car dependent

Northampton is one of the most difficult places in England to get around without a car, according to a survey. The town has been ranked 21 out of the 29 towns and cities which surveyed.

Read the full story online.

Man sentenced

A man involved with the death of Northampton tattoo artist Joseph Kent was sentenced to six months jail for actual bodily harm this week. Tariq Bostan, 28, rowed with Joseph, who was then hit twice by Tariq's brother Samir Bostan and died.

M1 crash death

A man died in a serious collision between a lorry and car on the M1 on Tuesday.

The man was driving the car when the collision took place at about 4.15am on the north-bound carriageway between junctions 16 and 17.

Dragon dashes for poorly kids

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The Cobblers' mascot Clarence the Dragon grabbed as many toys as he could during a 99 second trolley dash at the 99p Store in town for children spending Christmas in hospital.

The official Northampton Town FC mascot rushed around the shop in Abington Street on Friday to stack up as many gifts as he could as part of the club's Christmas Toy Appeal.

He ended up with a trolley-full of goodies worth £200 which the squad is handing out to children at Northampton General Hospital this week.

The appeal was launched on Thursday at the 99p Store's head office in Swan Valley by commercial director Hussein Lalani along with Cobblers players Ricky Ravenhill, Gregor Robertson, Matt Duke



TROLLEY DASH: Clarence the Dragon grabbed £200 worth of toys

and Zander Diamond. Three giant sacks stuffed full of toys were put in the back of 'Santa's sleigh' in the form of a van which has been donated by Bristol Street Motors. The 'sleigh' will be used to collect all the gifts for the appeal.

The van was outside the main entrance at

Sixfields during Saturday's game collecting gifts donated by fans.

The club is still looking for new, or nearly new presents that they can give to the children so they have toys to play with while in hospital. If you have any donations, take them to the club shop.

Checkmate! Max plays for England

Eleven-year-old Max Miller from Great Billing flew the flag for Northamptonshire and England when he competed in The World Schools Chess Championships.

This was the first time the youngster had been selected (as part of the 12 strong team) to represent his country and had the honour of doing

so in Brazil. This championship was Max's first international tournament, which he qualified for, due to his success in various UK tournaments this year.

When he was six he won his first tournament to become the under eight County Champion for Northamptonshire.



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Christmas has come early at Royal Mail

REPORTER Lawrence John took a look at preparations behind the scenes at the South Midlands Mail Centre in Swan Valley Way, Northampton



Christmas starts for many of us when we start to buy the first presents or when we put up the decorations.

For Royal Mail it begins in February. The reason for the early start is the company has to deal with an avalanche of post in December.

From December 15 to 24 at its South Midlands Mail Centre in Swan Valley Way, Northampton, it deals with five million parcels and letters and two million of those will be delivered in Northamptonshire.

Monday was a red letter day for Royal Mail in Northampton as it signified its busiest day of the year. In 24 hours it collected, sorted and delivered 750,000 parcels.

Standing on the 'shop floor' to witness this operation is like standing in a train station. A tannoy system rings out followed by a message.

The building is a large clearing house. At one end the mail comes in, is weighed and sorted. The

letters and Christmas cards go through what looks a lot like a large tumble drier but is actually called an 'intelligent letter sorting machine'.

The mail is machine and hand sorted to make sure it gets to the right part of the depot to be sent out to the customer.

One of the workers who sort the post is Penny Bellhouse who has worked with Royal Mail for 16 years.

Penny has an encyclopedic knowledge of all the postcodes across the country.

Her main role is sorting parcels and letters for South East England and putting them into the bags for different areas like Croydon and Kingston Upon Thames.

She also has a special skill of being able to find the correct address from letters with illegible writing.

Penny said: "Some of the addresses are badly written or very vague."

"We even get letters which say the house with the red door three doors down from the pub in the village."

"I just know about the postcodes as I am passionate about my work."

"I initially joined as temp working for two months but then I saw an advert, I applied, and got the job."

"I get a kick out of what I do."

Looking down on the operation on Monday, plant manager Bob Brady said: "At the moment there are about 300 staff working but from 5pm this number will rise to 1,200."

"We have four shifts working each day and during the Christmas period we hire an additional 350

staff. Last week the volume of parcels due to internet shopping increased nine fold and this phenomenon is not slowing down."

"We are prepared for such things and that is why we start planning in February for Christmas."

"There is a lot of pressure on us to get it right for customers and that is why we plan early."

"As well as this depot here there are 10 parcel sort centres across the UK which we can utilise. The nearest one to us is in Milton Keynes."

"Our aim by Christmas Eve is to

get everything which comes through here out and to the customers."

"We have a final sweep here at 6am to make sure everything has gone."

Mr Brady added this depot also deals with a lot of post for Father Christmas and wanted to assure all the children that every item for Santa Claus will reach him whatever the weather.

Today is the last day for second class mail and it's Saturday for first class letters.

POSTAL SERVICE: Scenes inside the Royal Mail depot in Swan Valley Way, Northampton, on the busiest day of the year when it deals with 750,000 parcels in 24 hours

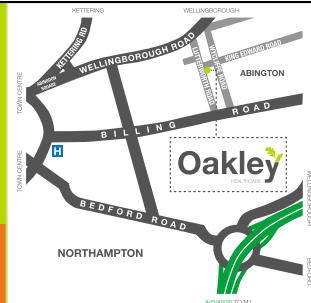


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unsung musical genius Delia Derbyshire who helped create the original Doctor Who theme tune spent the last 20 years of her life in Northamptonshire



5

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Give kids the gift of a family home

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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For three-year-old Olivia her only wish this Christmas is for Santa to know where she lives.

The little girl is one of 63 youngsters who are currently waiting to be adopted and are hoping this Christmas will be the last one they spend without a permanent, forever family of their own.

A search is now on to find loving parents who can offer a home to one of these children.

CLlr Heather Smith,

Northamptonshire County Council deputy leader and cabinet member for children's services, said:

"Christmas is all about spending time with your family and it's heart-breaking to think that there are children in Northamptonshire who won't wake up on Christmas morning in a loving home with their forever family."

To adopt with the county council, people have to be over the age of 21.

There is no legal upper age

limit, although adopters need to be able to provide a stable home for a child until adulthood and beyond.

Adopters can be single, married or co-habiting as a same sex or heterosexual couple.

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approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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Police are advising motorists to be vigilant after five incidents of criminal damage at beauty sports in the county.

Car windows have been smashed or locks forced, and property stolen from inside the vehicles.

£10k donation

A cheque for £10,000 has been presented to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance by the Northampton Rotary Clubs.

The money was raised from the town's Dragon Boat Race on the River Nene.

New website

Northamptonshire County Council has launched a new website about services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

View it at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/localoffer

Villages benefit

More than 500 homes and businesses in Northants will be able to get superfast broadband as a result of £250k of government funding. Loddington and Dingley will benefit from this along with parts of Rockingham and Welford.

Festive raffle

The TSB bank branch in Rushden has launched its Christmas Hamper raffle to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society's Live Well Campaign.

The winner will be drawn tomorrow.

Double the size

Plans to double the size of Roade Primary School are moving ahead.

A statutory notice will be published by the county council on January 8.

This will be followed by a four-week consultation.

Santa's visiting

Santa will be making a special stop at Daventry Country Park to meet youngsters in the run-up to Christmas.

He will be at the park's visitors' centre off Northern Way, Daventry, on December 23 from 10.30am to midday.

Get your flu jab

Pregnant women across Northamptonshire are being urged to get a flu vaccination.

This warning comes after a national report published last week showing that 38 women died from flu in the UK in three years (2009 to 2012).



BRIDGE STREET: Police closed the road until midday Friday to investigate the incident

'Brawl was like London riots'

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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An eye-witness has described the mass brawl in Bridge Street - during which six people were stabbed - as 'like the London Riots'.

Gareth Whitlock, 24, said the incident on Friday morning was like a 'mass riot' between 50-60 people which started in Faces bar and spilled out onto the street.

Mr Whitlock, who lives in a flat with his partner at the bottom end of the street, said: "We were both asleep at 3.30am when we heard loud screaming and glass

smashing.

"We rushed to the window and could see loads of people spilling out of Faces bar.

"It looks like a fight between two big groups had just taken place and then it continued onto the street.

"One person then got punched to the floor, which led to more fights. I decided to then call the police.

"When I got off the phone, I saw someone picking up what might have been a sledgehammer and throw it into the crowd.

"After this, two people got into a car and started driving erratically. It

looked like they were trying to run someone over."

The first police car arrived shortly after Mr Whitlock's call at 4am.

Two more police cars soon turned up, followed by an ambulance.

At around 4.30am, by which time more police and ambulances had arrived, Mr Whitlock said it started to die down.

Six people were stabbed during the fight. Police are looking for a Stanley knife type weapon.

Many of the people involved had travelled from London to an event at NU Bar. The licenses of NU Bar and Faces Bar have been suspended.

Former mayor Geoffrey Howes dies

Labour party members in Northampton are mourning the loss of former town mayor Geoff Howes, who passed away last week aged 67.

Mr Howes, who had been suffering from diabetes, last stood as a candidate for Labour in the 2009 county council elections.

He had represented Castle Ward, along with John Dickie, as a councillor for more than 30 years.

During that time he served as leader of the Labour Group and Mayor in 1990.

Under Mr Dickie's leadership of Northampton Borough Council, Mr Howes also served as chairman of the finance committee.

His family said in a state-



ment: "Dad can only be described as a proud and loving man. Proud of his town, its sporting venues such as The Saints, the Cobblers and the Steelbacks, and was most of all proud to be a Northamptonian.

"Dad was very much a voice for the people of the borough which saw him

being re-elected for over three decades to represent local people at the heart of political power and decision making at Northampton Town Hall, the Guildhall and was a much loved and well respected borough councillor. "He will be sadly missed."

Mr Howes was awarded the Freedom of the Borough in November 2001 in recognition of his achievements.

A statement from the Labour Group said: "We at Northampton Labour Party are hugely saddened to hear of the death of Geoff Howes and our deepest condolences go to his family."

Mr Howes' funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 23 at Duston United Reformed Church at noon.

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COMMUNITY VISIT: Home Secretary Theresa May with Northampton North MP Michael Ellis

Working together is key for Home Secretary

Home Secretary Theresa May talked about the community when she visited the University of Northampton.

She was at the Sunley Management Centre at the Park Campus site last Friday to address an invited audience from the different faith groups and members of the community.

Northampton North MP Michael Ellis had the responsibility of welcoming her to the university

and to the town. Speaking about her visit, and meeting the different groups, Mrs May said: "I think what came across to me was the huge strength in the local community.

"There were different faiths together and all of them working for the good of the community and Northampton.

"I certainly think this clearly came through today."

Dunhams admit US fraud charges

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A couple who took a drug overdose ahead of being extradited to the US have pleaded guilty to fraud charges.

Paul and Sandra Dunham, from Collingtree, Northampton, have always denied accusations of defrauding the US company they worked for and had fought extradition.

However, they admitted \$1m (£640,000) of expenses fraud and money laundering in plea agreements with US authorities.

The pair had spent the money on a Barbados timeshare, luxury bedding and a dog sofa.

A US Department of Justice spokesperson said other personal expenses, falsely described as business expenditure, included 'personal legal fees, expensive furniture, and a domed pet residence'.

Mr Dunham, 59, also pleaded guilty to an additional charge of money laundering.

Mr and Mrs Dunham have agreed to pay



back the \$1m they claimed. Mr Dunham faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for the expenses fraud and money laundering.

Because of her plea agreement, his wife, 58, will be sentenced to 60 days in prison.

The couple will both be sentenced on January 29.

See the full story on our website at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

Fire-damaged fairy lights seized from county seller

Several sets of fairy lights which were returned to the seller after they caught fire have been seized by Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards.

Officers found that a number of the lights had been returned after having

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Black pen

Penny Bellhouse, who works at the South Midlands Mail Centre in Swan Valley Way, Northampton, must have her black pen.

Penny, who has worked for Royal Mail for 16 years, needs it to change postcodes that are wrong, make notes or lend to a colleague who needs to borrow it.



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MUGSHOT



Northampton mum and first time author, Elaina Duke, takes time out of her busy day to read the *Northants Herald & Post* online at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

Elaina has achieved a lot of publicity with her novel *Long Distance*.

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SAINTS HAMMER TREVISO AT HOME

Saffron Jarvis

Saffron, 16, blogs every week with a fans eye view of the action at the Saints. You can see her reports on our website. Follow her on Twitter via: @SaintsRugbyBlog



Saints dominated the game from kick off with a powerful scrum giving the ref only one decision, a penalty try just 12 minutes in. Myler converted the try to make it 7 - 0 but this was just the beginning. 4 minutes later, a dash for the line from George North, finished off with the a on-point strike from Myler, it was looking the start of a perfect afternoon for Saints. 21 minutes had gone on the clock and a third try was on the card, Ken Pisi passed to older brother George. Then good handling skills from Kahn Fortuali'i who put the ball down over the line, making it a Samoan infused 80m run. No conversion was to follow due to the awkward angle. (19 - 0)

Treviso however, pushed on, with positive looking set plays and attacking pieces. Although, the Saints' defensive wall was the opposite to weak and it was increasingly harder for the away side to

make a breakthrough. 27 minutes in and Treviso were pushing towards the line but a holding on stopped the positive charge made by Treviso. Unluckily, the Italian side were hit by a yellow card for the number 5, Francesco Minto.

Saints utilised the yellow card and another 80m run was apparent, a breakthrough from Stephenson made the initial start to what was an amazing try. North picked up the ball from Stephenson to make another breakthrough, a small pass to Clark who threw to Ken Pisi to fly over the try line. This was fast try. The bonus point was scored in an unimaginable time - 33 minutes.

Treviso came back up to 15 men.

The Saints boys went into half time with the winning score of 24 - 0.

Read Saffron's full report on our website. Look out for her views on the Tigers game...

YourLetters



donate two hours of their time this Christmas, by collecting in Northamptonshire.

Lloyd Butcher, community fundraiser for Marie Curie in Northamptonshire, said: "We need over 100 people from Northamptonshire to help with our collections this Christmas.

"Donating just two hours of your time will allow Marie Curie nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes.

"It really is a wonderful time of year and a time of year we all like to give something back."

You can sign up with a friend, colleagues, bring along your children or even your pets!

Isobel Sayer, from Northampton, said: "I collected for Marie Curie for the first time this year and really felt like I was making a difference. So many people approach you to tell you about the support they've received from Marie Curie Nurses and the difference it made. It was amazing to see that in just two hours I had helped pay for the equivalent in nursing hours. It's amazing to know you're helping other people."

The charity's 10 Northamptonshire nurses have given 6,790 hours of nursing care this year to terminally ill patients. Now the charity is appealing for the public to support the charity to keep its amazing work going.

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Esther Rantzen CBE (pictured)
Journalist and BHF Ambassador

Cancer charity appeals for help this Christmas

Marie Curie Cancer Care is appealing for the people of Northampton to

Have a heart and start shopping at BHF stores

I am writing to encourage you and your readers to visit your local East Midlands British Heart Foundation (BHF) shop this Christmas.

By doing your festive shopping with the BHF, you can spend a little and buy a lot. The profit from items bought in East Midlands BHF shops will help fund essential, life-saving research into heart disease.

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'Thanks for saving us'

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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For years Jess and Keith Wheatley have been raising funds for the air ambulance service, not knowing that one day the charity they had long supported would be helping to save their lives.

Last December the couple were involved in a serious car crash with a lorry on the A6003 near Oakham while returning home to Greeton from an appointment in Derbyshire.

They sustained injuries which were so severe that two air ambulances - including the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance - had to be called.

Keith, who had broken his arm, collarbone, several ribs and his pelvis, as well as punctured a lung, ruptured his spleen and developed a blood clot on the brain, was the first to be airlifted to hospital.

Jess, who suffered 12 broken ribs and had broken her hip, was also airlifted.

Months later, thanks to the medics at the Air Ambulance



Service, the couple were able to return home to their family.

They are now calling on people to back the charity's Christmas Wishes Appeal to raise funds for the service.

Jess and Keith's daughter, Elaine, said: "Last Christmas was terrible for us.

"There were times we thought we'd lost them. But now they are back home - smiling and sharing family jokes. We are all happy to be together again this Christmas!"

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HEROES: Northampton Leisure Trust is encouraging families to start 2015 in the healthiest possible way by introducing Healthy Heroes, a FREE healthy living programme for children aged 7-13. Available at Bellinge Community Centre in Northampton, the aim is to help children who are above a healthy weight get fitter, healthier and happier. The programme helps families change their eating and exercise habits to improve their child's physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. Families take part in fun and informative 2 hour sessions and activities, once a week for 7 weeks. Lawrence Kay, Sport and Play Development Manager, at Northampton Leisure Trust highlights the importance of the pro-

gramme, "Inspiring active lifestyles is a key message in the work we do within the community. Healthy Heroes is a really fun and engaging programme that adopts a whole family approach and can have a really positive impact on children's lives." The course will run on Thursday's between 6pm-8pm and begins on 8 January 2015 with the last session taking place on the 26 February 2015. Funded by Community First and delivered by Northampton Leisure Trust, places on the Healthy Heroes course are FREE on a first come, first served basis. Families interested in participating should contact Chris Serbyn on 01604 838049 or Michelle Aveyard at Bellinge Community House on 01604 411473.



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H&P Editor Steve Scoles continues on his quest for fitness and health

I'm marking off my fitness tasks by the hundred now.

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Stomach crunches now come in sets of 500, 50 of one sort, 50 of another, 100 of another.

Martin patiently leads me through them, 20 at a time or 50 at a time depending on how much groaning with pain is going on.

The half-crunches, which are essentially just my shoulders lifting off the floor, might come 50 at a time.

The leg raises (straight legs lifted upwards) come in packs of 20.

There are twists, there are bicycle movements and there are full sit-ups.

They are all contributing one way or another to a gradual change in body shape.



In past exercise programmes, when I have been responsible for my own motivation, over time I have gravitated towards the exercises I have found easiest to do.

This is not always about the effort involved.

Sometimes it is a case of balance and coordination.

I am happy to wobble about and roll off an exercise ball with

Martin there looking like he knows what he's doing. But if it's just me I'm not so keen to make a fool of myself.

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Fruit seller Fitzzy to

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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A market trader who has spent more than 50 years working in Northampton town centre is retiring.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick, famously known as Fitzzy, will be bowing out on March 13, 2015 - the day of his 65th birthday - after working as a fruit and veg seller for 53 years.

During his time on the stall, Fitzzy has served a phenomenal two million customers, making him a well-known face around town.

However, having spent most of his life on the stall, he now says he feels like a 'lost soul' and that he needs a change.

"When I turn 65, I am calling it a day," he told the *Northants Herald and Post*.

"I've had enough of it now, I just can't do it any more.

"I don't want to pack it in, I really don't, but I have to. I'm a lost soul at the moment.

"It won't be the end for me though, no, as I'll be starting a new adventure.

"I would find it too hard to just give up and stop straight away. I can't go from doing 60 hours a week to doing nothing.

LOST SOUL: After serving two million customers, Fitzzy says he now feels like a lost soul and that he needs a new adventure - which is why he has decided to call time on life as a fruit and veg seller



"So when I retire, I'm thinking about setting up my own advertising business at the Market Square on four stalls.

"It'll be full of notice boards which advertise businesses around the town.

"I'm still planning it at the moment. It might work out, it might not, but it's worth the risk.

"I'm at a point in life now where I want a change and to go on a new adventure before it all ends.

"It's something I'm really looking forward to, it's a new challenge."

So, despite waving goodbye to being a fruit seller,

Fitzzy won't be bowing out of the market just yet.

He first started off as a market trader when he was just 12 years old, doing it as a Saturday job while he was at school.

As years went by, it became more of a permanent job, and he grew to fall in love with it.

"I have enjoyed every minute of being on the market. It's a labour of love," he added.

"I will be sad to go - but the time is right to go.

"I'll still be in the market hopefully, and will be continuing on a mission to bring the market back to life.



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"It's a dying game is the market, and someone needs to reinvent it."

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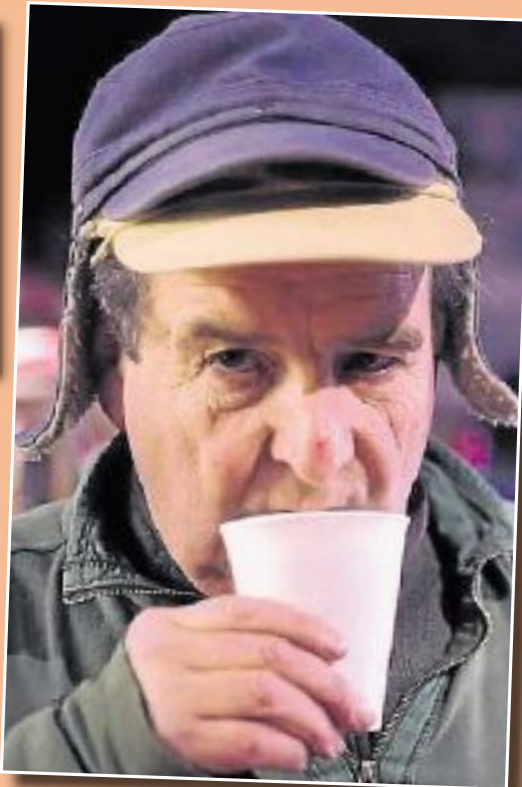
Earlier this year, Fitzzy released a short documentary about his life as a market trader, which you can see on our website.

At the end of the touching video, he talks about his love of Northampton.

He says: "It's a lovely place to live and is my only town - I never want to live anywhere else."

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"I was born here and I will probably die here."



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GIFTS: Councillor Michael Clarke collects the presents

Day centre likes to give a little back

The Caring & Sharing Trust Day Centre in Cogenhoe got together with their supporters to provide toys this Christmas for cared for children throughout the county. County Councillor Michael Clarke, on behalf of Northants County Council, came along to accept the gifts to pass on to the children. The motto of the people who attend the day centre, which depends on charitable support, is: The Joy of Living Comes From the Joy of Giving.

Prison guard jailed for Venables leak

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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An ex-prison officer has been jailed for three-and-a-half years for selling stories about one of James Bulger's killers to national newspapers.

Scott Chapman, 42, from Corby, was accused of leaking information to journalists about Jon Venables on about 39 occasions.

He was aided and abetted by his former partner, Lynn

Gaffney, 40, also of Corby, who let him to use her bank account to channel payments.

Over two years a total of £40,000 was paid into Gaffney's bank account on behalf of Chapman.

Gaffney was jailed for 13 weeks.

The sentences were handed down at the Old Bailey last week.

A former News of the World

journalist, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was given a six month suspended prison sentence for paying for the information.

The ex-reporter was accused of paying prison officer Chapman for information about Venables' life behind bars after he was sent back to prison in 2010 for child porn offences.



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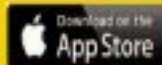
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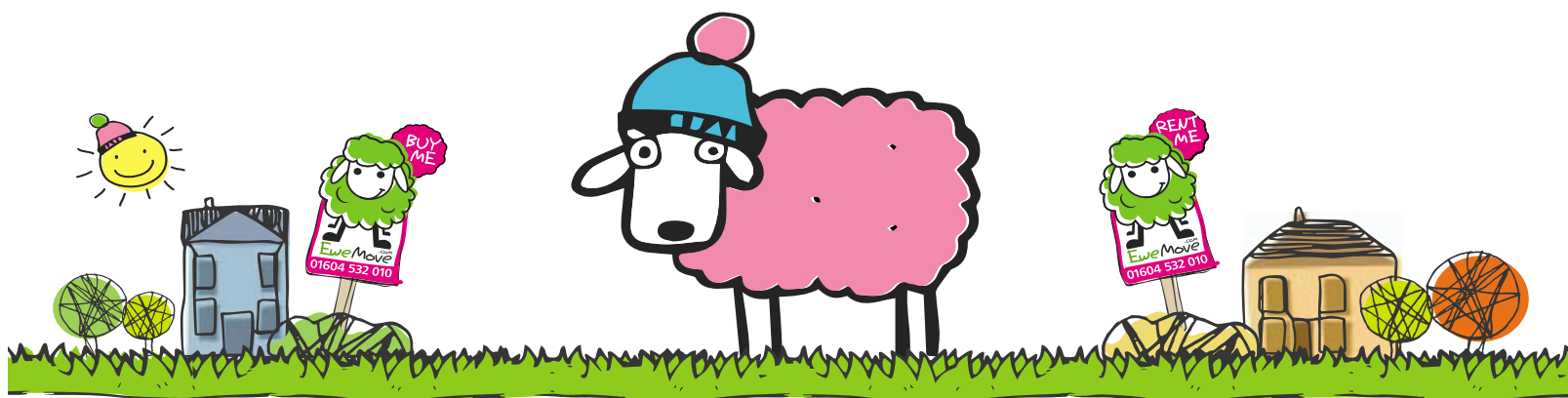


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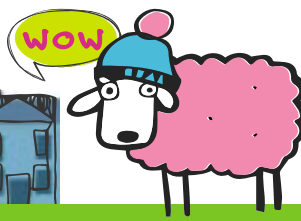
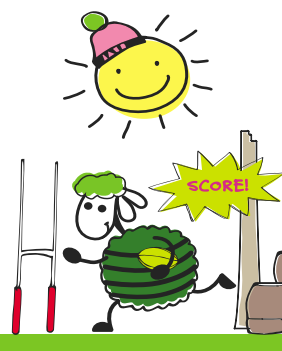
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It's Christmas and besides the tradition of eating, drinking and generally making merry it's the one time in the year when the whole family still gets together to settle down in front of the TV.

There's been something of a theme developing over the last few years on BBC 1 but then, it wouldn't be Christmas without Dr. Who now would it? Oh, no it wouldn't! And this year the Tardis is travelling to the North Pole and guest stars Father Christmas so it's not an alien concept; though aliens will no doubt feature.

If you can't stand Miranda Hart then look away now. Not only does she pop up as Chummy in the seasonally heart-warming episode of Call the Midwife but she's bringing her comedy series to a close this Christmas with a double helping of pratfalls and poignant moments to tickle the ribs and bring a tear to the eye.

There's barely time to nip out to the kitchen for mince pie and a glass of port before the credits roll on Downton Abbey. Lord Grantham and family get to experience Christmas themselves this year; and there's snow and everything! But don't expect things to go smoothly even though it is the season of goodwill to all men - and come to that, local servants, farm-workers and rustic peasants too!

But life still goes on outside of your four walls so check out our guide to what's on locally over the festive season. And because it's the time for giving, there's a present under the tree for you in our fabulous New Year competition!



- 4 WIN a festive farm shop hamper stuffed with seasonal goodies
- 5 TV Guide to the very best of your Christmas viewing starts here
- 6 Job done, Santa's heading home to the North Pole. Catch up with him in Dr Who on BBC 1 at 6.15pm
- 10 Ring out the old, ring in the new, if you're staying home tonight, this is what you can view!
- 12 It's what's on near you if you're out and about

All that's left to say is... a very merry Christmas to you all and a happy New Year!

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This is your chance to win a hamper packed with goodies which you can enjoy in time for Christmas.

Smith's Farm Shop is a family run business which began in 1958 by selling strawberries.

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"We're pleased to say our own farm at Chapel Brampton still grows the crops for which we have become known over the years; namely, asparagus, potatoes and pumpkin squash."

"We invite you to pay us a visit and put our products to the test."

"Our regular customers tell us that they come back time and again because Smith's produce can't be beaten for freshness and flavour, all at prices that compare well against larger UK food retailers"

"At our Chapel Brampton branch we have our own large car park right outside the shop entrance."

"Our friendly members of staff are always ready to help carry your shopping out to your car."

The contents of the Deluxe Hamper which is up for grabs is as follows:

- Pipers Crisps Cheddar & Onion 40g
- Drivers Pickled Onions 450g
- Locally Handmade Boiled Sweets 250g
- Stockans Oatcakes 100g
- Bothams Shah Ginger Biscuits 200g
- Duck Pate with Rosemary & Cabernet Sauvignon 200g
- Pork Pate with Goats Cheese 180g
- Punjaban Turkey Curry Base 350g
- Snyders Pretzel Pieces 125g
- Thursday Cottage Mincemeat 312g
- Thursday Cottage Strawberry Jam 112g
- Gold Crown Bakeries Fruit Cake Slab
- Buiteman Cheese Biscuits 75g
- James White Russet Apple Juice 75cl
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To be in with a chance of winning the deluxe hamper follow The Herald & Post @NorthamptonUK on twitter for the question which will be tweeted out tomorrow, Friday. All you have to do is send us your answer and the correct ones will go into a hat and one lucky winner chosen at random.



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BBC One

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind Tim Key, Andy McConnell, Amy Macdonald and Sir Richard Stilgoe answer questions.

7.30 EastEnders Johnny shocks everyone, while Kush attempts to change Shabnam's mind.

8.00 Holby City Elliot is preparing for a ski trip when he is surprised by the arrival of an old friend.

9.00 The Royle Family Christmas Special Dave reveals the idea he intends to pitch to Dragon's Den.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News

10.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes stages her own Nativity Play.

11.10 Cuckoo

11.40 The Apprentice

Channel 5

6.55 My Crazy Christmas Obsession Two-part documentary featuring people who take Christmas decorations to a whole new level.

7.45 5 News Update

7.50 Michael Buble's Christmas Songbook The Canadian singer performs a festive selection of his top hits.

8.55 5 News Update

9.00 Kids' Hospital at Christmas Fourteen-year-old Chloe is rushed to hospital after an accident on Christmas Eve.

10.00 FILM Saving Private Ryan (1998) Oscar-winning War-time action drama, starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon. ★★★★★

11.00 5 News Update

BBC Two

7.00 Dad's Army The platoon gives a turkey dinner to the pensioners of Walmington-on-Sea.

7.30 Christmas University Challenge Dame Jenni Murray, Rosie Millard, broadcaster Kate Adie and Giles Fraser compete.

8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals The finalists cook again before the winner is crowned.

9.00 The Wrong Mans Sam and Phil's spirits are momentarily lifted.

10.00 Mock the Week Dara O Briain presents a special Christmas edition.

10.30 Russell Howard's Good News

11.00 Backchat with Jack Whitehall & his Dad

ITV2

6.15 FILM Scooby-Doo (2002) Live action version of the cartoon about a gang of teenage sleuths, starring Freddie Prinze Jr and Sarah Michelle Gellar. ★★

8.00 You've Been Framed! Calendar Special Featuring cute Valentine's Day kisses and Easter egg mishaps.

9.00 FILM Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) Romantic comedy, starring Renée Zellweger and Hugh Grant. ★★

11.00 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special Good Morning Britain's Susanna Reid, Take Me Out's Paddy McGuinness, rapper Professor Green and TV personality Joey Essex join Keith and co for a festive special.

ITV

7.00 Emmerdale Moira and Charity anger Cain, and Adam is taken aback by Robert.

7.30 Wilderness Walks with Ray Mears The host travels through the Borrowdale Valley.

8.00 Roman Britain from the Air Experts take to the skies to reveal what Roman Britain really looked like.

9.00 Lottery Stories: Be Careful What You Wish For The history of the National Lottery.

10.00 ITV News

10.40 Kylie: Kiss Me Once Highlights from SSE Hydro Arena in Glasgow.

11.50 The Jonathan Ross Show Christmas Special

BBC3

7.00 The Borrowers Family adventure based on Mary Norton's classic children's books.

8.30 Hammy's Boomerang Adventure RJ the raccoon produces a nature video.

8.35 Madly Madagascar Valentine's Day brings about a series of wacky adventures.

9.00 FILM Shrek 2 (2004) Animated sequel following a grumpy ogre and his bride as they head for the land of Far Far Away. With Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy. ★★

10.25 EastEnders Dean drops a bombshell.

11.00 Family Guy

11.25 Family Guy

11.45 American Dad!

Channel 4

7.00 Channel 4 News

7.30 The Snowman A little boy makes a snowman on Christmas Eve which magically comes to life.

8.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One Christmas Special Adam Hills hosts, with guests including Johnny Vegas.

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special With Jonathan Ross, Freddie Flintoff, Ricky Wilson and Roisin Conaty.

10.00 Man Down Christmas Special Aunt Nesta's arrival spoils Christmas for Dan.

10.30 Da Best of Ali G A chance to see some memorable interviews.

11.30 Ali G in Da USA More comic interviews.

Film4

11.00 FILM The Simpsons Movie (2007) Animated comedy. ★★★★★

12.45 FILM Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) Animated comedy. ★★

2.35 FILM The Lavender Hill Mob (1951) Comedy, starring Alec Guinness. ★★

4.10 FILM Gallipoli (1981) Adventure, starring Mark Lee. ★★

6.25 FILM Twilight (2008) Drama, starring Kristen Stewart. ★★

9.00 FILM Independence Day (1996) Action, starring Will Smith. ★★

11.50 FILM The Sixth Sense (1999) Drama, starring Bruce Willis. ★★

CHRISTMAS EVE

BBC One

6.25 FILM Toy Story 3 (2010) Comedy, with Tom Hanks. ★★

8.00 EastEnders Mick plans a family Christmas.

8.30 The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm A mad professor runs into trouble.

9.30 Not Going Out Lucy and Lee are in uncharted water.

10.15 The Vicar of Dibley Alice has a plan for the Nativity.

10.55 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Festive sitcom.

11.30 BBC News

11.45 Midnight Mass from Arundel Cathedral

Channel 5

7.20 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights Documentary following four British households as they transform their suburban semi-detached homes into a glittering festival of Christmas lights.

8.20 5 News Update

8.25 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies: Christmas Special The comedian throws a Christmas party for some of the stars of the last series.

9.30 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies Countdown of the most popular festive movies. Plus, the stars who featured in the films share their memories, including Mara Wilson from Miracle On 34th Street and Gremlins' Zach Galligan.

BBC Two

7.10 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings Christmas special from 2000.

8.00 Christmas University Challenge With contestants Martin Bell, David Walker, Francis Wheen and Valerie Vaz.

8.30 The Choir: New Military Wives Following Gareth Malone as he helps the women prepare to take part in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall on August 3rd.

9.30 Julie Walters: A Life on Screen Documentary in which the actress tells the story behind her success.

10.30 FILM Calendar Girls (2003) Comedy, starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters. ★★

ITV2

7.20 FILM The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) Animation, with the voices of Catherine O'Hara and Chris Sarandon. ★★

9.00 FILM The Holiday (2006) Seasonal romantic comedy about two single women on opposite sides of the Atlantic who, depressed at their love lives in the run-up to Christmas, agree to swap houses for the season. Cameron Diaz and Jack Black star. ★★

11.45 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special Keith Lemon hosts the comedy panel show, with James Blunt, Kim Wilde, Ollie Murs and Peter Andre. Saturdays singer Vanessa White and Irish comedian Jason Byrne.

ITV

7.00 Emmerdale Andy and Robert's feud escalates and Charity manipulates Cain.

7.30 Coronation Street Gary feels isolated from his family. Meanwhile, will Kylie give in to her demons?

8.00 FILM Skyfall (2012) Bond's latest assignment goes badly wrong and agents around the world are exposed, which leads to M6 being attacked. Action, starring Daniel Craig and Javier Bardem. ★★

10.45 ITV News

11.00 Christmas Carols on ITV Aled Jones joins the congregation of St. Mary's Church in Prestwich, Manchester.

BBC3

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride: Let it Snow! A couple from Rotherham plan to walk down the aisle.

8.00 Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special Nessa and the Wests head east, with some help from Dave and his coach.

9.00 FILM Shrek the Third (2007) Animated comedy, with Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy. ★★

10.25 Cuckoo: Christmas Special A mysterious figure from Cuckoo's past arrives.

11.00 EastEnders Mick plans a special Christmas, unaware of the dark truth.

11.30 Family Guy Peter gives all the family's presents away.

11.55 Family Guy

Channel 4

7.25 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas Sid ends up on Santa's naughty list, so he sets off on a journey to the North Pole to make amends.

7.55 The Snowman and the Snowdog A boy goes on an adventure to the North Pole with a magical Snowman and a Snowdog.

8.30 My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas: Tinsel and Tiaras Featuring a bride-to-be planning a festive wedding.

9.30 Gogglebox 2014 A chance to see some of the best moments from the show over the past year.

11.05 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2014 Alex Zane presents.

Film4

11.00 FILM Fred Claus (2007) Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn. ★

1.15 FILM One Million Years B.C. (1996) Adventure, starring Raquel Welch. ★

3.20 FILM Gulliver's Travels (2010) Fantasy, starring Jack Black. ★★

5.00 FILM Step Up (2006) Drama, starring Channing Tatum. ★★

7.05 FILM St. Trinian's (2007) Comedy, with Talulah Riley and Rupert Everett. ★★

9.00 FILM Forrest Gump (1994) Drama, with Tom Hanks. ★★

11.40 FILM The Raid (2011) Action, starring Iko Uwais. ★★

1.35 FILM Clerks (1993) Comedy. ★★

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CHRISTMAS DAY

BBC One

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Gruffalo **9.30 On Angel Wings 10.00** Come and Join the Celebration **11.00** Only Fools and Horses
12.00 Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out
12.25 **FILM** Gnomeo & Juliet (2011) ★★
1.40 Shaun the Sheep
1.50 **BBC News**
2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas
3.00 The Queen's Christmas Broadcast
3.10 **FILM** Puss in Boots (2011) Animated comedy. ★★
4.40 **BBC News**
5.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas
6.15 Doctor Who The Time Lord returns.
7.15 **Miranda** A big decision looms.
7.50 **Call the Midwife** Two pregnant teenagers are sent to a care home.
9.00 **EastEnders** The Beales do their best to enjoy Christmas.
10.05 **Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special** Festive sitcom.
10.40 **Michael McIntyre's Very Christmassy Christmas Show**
11.40 **BBC News**
11.55 **On Christmas Night**
12.00 **Not Going Out Christmas Special 12.45** Would I Lie to You?
1.15 **George Michael at the Palais Garnier, Paris 2.15** **FILM** The Heartbreak Kid (2007) ★★ **4.05** **Weatherview**
4.10 **BBC News**

BBC Two

6.00 **FILM** Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (2003) Comedy, with Brad Pitt. ★★ ★★ **7.15** **FILM** Short Circuit (1986) Comedy, starring Ally Sheedy. ★★ ★★ **8.50** **FILM** Pollyanna (1960) Drama, starring Jane Wyman. ★★ ★★ **11.00** **Carols from King's**
12.15 **To the Manor Born: Christmas Special**
12.45 **The Choir: New Military Wives**
1.45 **60 Years of Carols from King's**
2.45 **Kiss Me, Kate at the Proms**
5.00 **The Queen's Christmas Broadcast**
5.10 **James May's Toy Stories**
6.15 **Morecambe & Wise in Pieces: The Sketches**
7.15 **Christmas University Challenge** With guests Philippa Gregory, Allan Little, James Mates and Jacqui Oatley.
7.45 **Dad's Army** The platoon helps the Vicar with his bazaar.
8.15 **Blackadder's Christmas Carol** Comic re-telling of the Charles Dickens tale.
9.00 **Tim Rice - A Life in Song** Celebrating Britain's great musical lyricists.
10.30 **Q!** With Carrie Fisher, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr, and Alan Davies.
11.00 **FILM** Marvellous (2014) Drama, starring Toby Jones. ★★ ★★
12.30 **FILM** The Producers Comedy. ★★ **2.35** **This Is BBC Two**

ITV

6.00 **CITV 8.25** **Weekend at Christmas**
9.25 **FILM** Valiant (2005) Animation, with the voices of Ewan McGregor and Ricky Gervais. ★★ ★★
10.55 **FILM** Back to the Future (1985) Sci-fi adventure, starring Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd. ★★ ★★
1.10 **FILM** Nanny McPhee (2005) Comedy drama, starring Emma Thompson and Colin Firth. ★★ ★★
3.00 **HM the Queen**
3.10 **The Queen's Garden**
4.10 **ITV News**
4.20 **Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas** Stop-motion animation.
5.20 **You've Been Framed!** at Christmas Harry Hill presents.
5.50 **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas** A cute puppy steals the hearts of everyone.
6.50 **ITV News**
7.00 **Emmerdale** It is Andy and Katie's wedding.
8.00 **Coronation Street** Steve pulls out all the festive stops.
9.00 **Downton Abbey** Rose's father-in-law rents a castle in Northumberland and invites the Crawleys to a shooting party.
11.00 **ITV News**
11.15 **You've Got to Love Christmas** Jane Horrocks takes a comic look at the TV archives.
12.15 **Christmas Carols on ITV 1.15** **Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle 2.45** **ITV** **Nightscreen 5.05** **The Jeremy Kyle Show**

Channel 4

6.00 **FILM** The Ugly Duckling and Me! (2006) Animation. ★★ **7.30** **Prep & Landing 7.55** **Prep & Landing: Naughty Vs. Nice 8.20** **Father Christmas 8.55** **FILM** Animals United (2010) Animation, with James Corden. ★★ ★★ **10.45** **The Simpsons** Triple bill.
12.15 **Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas** Special animated spin-off.
12.45 **The Snowman** Classic animated story.
1.20 **The Snowman and the Snowdog** Charming animated sequel.
1.50 **The Alternative Christmas Message**
1.55 **Channel 4 News**
2.05 **FILM** Scrooged (1988) Festive comedy, with Bill Murray. ★★ ★★
4.00 **FILM** Big (1988) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks. ★★ ★★
6.00 **FILM** Arthur Christmas (2011) Animated comedy, with James McAvoy. ★★ ★★
8.00 **Frozen at Christmas** A look at the Disney movie.
9.00 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man** With guests Terry Wogan, Sarah Millican, Emma Willis and Dan Stevens.
11.00 **8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special** With Freddie Flintoff, Kevin Bridges and Roisin Conaty.
12.00 **Father Ted Christmas Special 1.05** **Father Ted 2.30** **FILM** Crazy Heart (2009) Drama, starring Jeff Bridges. ★★ ★★ **4.25** **Secret Eaters 5.20** **Small Animal Hospital 5.50** **FILM** Flicka (2006) ★★

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake! 9.15** **Access 9.20** **Andre Rieu: Christmas Around The World 10.20** **FILM** Scrooged (1970) Drama, starring Albert Finney and Alec Guinness. ★★ ★★
12.35 **The Sound of Music - Live Stage** version of the musical.
3.25 **FILM** Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968) Adventure, starring Dick Van Dyke. ★★ ★★
6.10 **Michael Buble's Christmas Songbook** The Canadian baritone performs a selection of classic Christmas hits, against the backdrop of the North Shore mountains in British Columbia.
7.05 **Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees-Up** The singers are joined by Eric Clapton and Jim Davidson for this special.
8.00 **Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs** Tracy Ann Oberman narrates a countdown of Britain's top seasonal tunes. Artists, producers and pundits unwrap the greatest gifts that musicians have given to us for Christmas past and present.
11.05 **FILM** Muriel's Wedding (1994) Humorous emancipation story of an unemployed woman who evolves from a dreamer into a self sustaining successful woman. Comedy drama, starring Toni Collette. ★★ ★★
1.20 **SuperCasino**
4.00 **House Doctor**
4.50 **Wildlife SOS**
5.10 **House Doctor**
5.35 **Wildlife SOS**

ITV2

6.00 **Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.25** **Emmerdale 6.50** **Coronation Street 7.20** **FILM** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) Animated comedy, with Angelica Huston. ★★ **9.10** **You've Been Framed at Christmas! 9.35** **You've Been Framed at Christmas! 10.40** **FILM** Scooby-Doo (2002) Adventure, starring Freddie Prinze Jr. ★★
12.25 **Emmerdale** Charity manipulates Cain.
12.55 **Coronation Street** Gary feels isolated.
1.25 **All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special** Vernon Kay hosts a seasonal special.
2.30 **Catchphrase: Christmas Special** With Warwick Davis, Katie Price and Christopher Biggins.
3.35 **FILM** Jurassic Park (1993) Adventure, starring Sam Neill. ★★ ★★
6.00 **You've Been Framed at Christmas!** Harry Hill presents.
6.30 **FILM** The Mummy Returns (2001) Action, starring Brendan Fraser. ★★ ★★
9.00 **FILM** GoldenEye (1995) Action, starring Pierce Brosnan. ★★ ★★
11.35 **Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special**
12.20 **Celebrity Juice**
1.20 **Two and a Half Men 2.55** **Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special 3.30** **Tricked 4.15** **Educating Joey Essex 5.05** **Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 5.55** **ITV2** **Nightscreen**

BBC3

7pm **FILM** Bolt (2008) The cute superhero dog star of a fictional TV show does not realise he is part of a TV show and believes his powers are real. Animated adventure, with John Travolta. ★★ ★★
8.30 **The Pig Who Cried Werewolf** Animated spoof of Hitchcock's Rear Window.
8.35 **Shrek the Halls** Festive animated comedy. It is Christmas Eve, and Shrek has done nothing to prepare for the big day.
9.00 **FILM** Shrek Forever After (2010) After making a deal with Rumpelstiltskin, Shrek the ogre finds himself in an alternate reality where he was never born, and faces a race to break the spell and rescue his love. Animated comedy adventure, starring Mike Myers and Cameron Diaz. ★★ ★★
10.25 **Donkey's Caroling Christmas-tacular** Festive animation featuring the characters from Shrek.
10.30 **Bad Education Christmas Special** It is time for the Abbey Grove Christmas Play and with Miss Pickwell no longer around Mr Fraser decides Alfie is the obvious replacement to direct it.
11.00 **EastEnders** With secrets rife, the Carters are set to explode.
12.00 **Family Guy**
1.05 **Family Guy 1.50** **Cuckoo: Christmas Special 2.25** **Some Girls 2.55** **Cuckoo: Christmas Special 3.25** **Bad Education 3.55** **This Is BBC Three 5.30** **Close**

Film4

11.00 **FILM** Mr. Popper's Penguins (2011) Jim Carrey stars in director Mark Waters' family comedy, loosely based on a classic children's book. ★★ ★★
12.50 **FILM** A Monster in Paris (2012) Animated family adventure, with Matthieu Chedid. ★★ ★★
2.35 **FILM** Stormbreaker (2006) Family action-adventure, starring Sarah Bolger, based on Anthony Horowitz's novels. ★★ ★★
4.20 **FILM** Johnny English Reborn (2011) Rowan Atkinson returns to reprise his role as the inept secret agent in this comedy sequel. ★★ ★★
6.30 **FILM** Star Trek (2009) JJ Abrams' sci-fi adventure prequel, starring Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto, follows a young James T Kirk and the Vulcan Spock as they unite the original Enterprise crew. ★★ ★★
9.00 **FILM** Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) Scientist Will Rodman finds that testing a cure for Alzheimer's on apes has unexpected consequences. Action, starring Andy Serkis. ★★ ★★
11.05 **FILM** Easy A (2010) A girl pretends to lose her virginity, but the lie soon spirals around her school and out of control. Comedy, starring Emma Stone. ★★ ★★
12.55 **FILM** The Birds (1963) Alfred Hitchcock's classic avian thriller, starring Tippi Hedren and Rod Taylor. ★★ ★★

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BOXING DAY

BBC One

6.00 Breakfast 9.00
FILM Pinocchio (1940)
Animation, with Dickie Jones. ★★ ★★ **10.15**
CBeebies Peter Pan
11.05 Room on the Broom **11.30 FILM**
Cool Runnings (1993)
Comedy, starring Leon and Doug E Doug. ★★ ★★
1.05 BBC News; Regional News
1.25 The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm
2.20 My Family
3.15 FILM Monsters, Inc (2001) Animated comedy, with John Goodman. ★★ ★★
4.40 FILM The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists (2012)
Animated adventure, with Hugh Grant. ★★ ★★
6.05 BBC News; Regional News
6.25 Still Open All Hours Granville needs more security to protect the shop's takings.
6.55 The Boy in the Dress One-off drama, starring Billy Kennedy.
8.00 EastEnders
A resident looks set to depart, but will they go as planned?
8.30 FILM Avengers Assemble (2012)
Action adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr and Chris Evans. ★★ ★★
10.40 BBC News; Regional News
11.00 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents football action.
12.35 EastEnders 3.30
Weather for the Week Ahead 3.35 BBC News

BBC Two

6.10 FILM The Road to El Dorado (2000)
Animation, with Kevin Kline. ★★ ★★ **7.30 FILM**
College Road Trip
(2008) Comedy, starring Raven-Symone. ★★
8.50 Queen of Tigers: Natural World Special
9.50 Ten Pieces **10.40**
60 Years of Carols from King's **11.40 FILM On the Town** (1949) Comedy, with Gene Kelly. ★★ ★★
1.15 Gene Kelly: Talking Pictures
1.50 FILM Singin' in the Rain (1952)
Comedy, starring Gene Kelly. ★★ ★★
3.30 Victoria Wood: That Musical We Made
A behind-the-scenes look at the film *That Day We Sang*.
4.30 Final Score Jason Mohammad presents.
5.25 War Horse at the Proms Simon Russell Beale presents from the Royal Albert Hall.
6.45 Christmas University Challenge
Contestants include Tom James and Dan Starkey.
7.15 The Two Ronnies Christmas Show
A selection of comic sketches.
8.00 Victoria Wood's Midlife Christmas
Comedy sketch programme from 2009.
9.00 That Day We Sang
Musical drama, written and directed by Victoria Wood.
10.30 FILM Hunky Dory (2011) Drama, with Minnie Driver. ★★
12.15 FILM The Winslow Boy (1999)
Comedy. ★★ ★★ **1.55**
This Is BBC Two

ITV

6.00 CITY 8.25
Weekend at Christmas
9.25 Dinner Date Australia **10.25**
Celebrity Squares
11.25 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas
12.30 ITV News
12.45 The Chase: Christmas Special
1.45 FILM Back to the Future Part II (1989) Adventure comedy, starring Michael J Fox. ★★ ★★
3.45 Off Their Rockers
More pranks.
4.15 Downton Abbey
Feature-length special of the period drama.
6.15 ITV News
6.30 Emmerdale
Jai leaves Megan with a dilemma, while Katie has an idea about Robert.
7.00 Coronation Street
Roy faces a struggle as he tries to control his nerves.
8.00 A Christmas Cracker
Bradley Walsh hosts a festive spectacular at London's Hammersmith Apollo.
9.00 Birds of a Feather
Dorien treats Sharon and Tracey to a trip to the Canaries.
9.30 Through the Christmas Keyhole
With Jonathan Ross, Louis Walsh and Kym Marsh.
10.30 ITV News
10.45 FILM Out of Sight (1998) Action comedy, with George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez. ★★ ★★
12.50 Jackpot247
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 3.45
ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

7.25 The Bear 7.55
The Morning Line 9.00
The Big Bang Theory
9.55 FILM Inspector Gadget (1999) Comedy, with Matthew Broderick. ★★
11.30 FILM Horton Hears a Who! (2008) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. ★★ ★★
1.15 LIVE Channel 4 Racing
Clare Balding and Nick Luck present from Kempton Park.
3.50 FILM Turner & Hooch (1989) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Mare Winningham. ★★ ★★
5.50 Channel 4 News
6.00 The Simpsons
Marge gets festive.
6.30 Hollyoaks
Sinead's life hangs in the balance.
7.00 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
Coulson and Whitehall's forces meet in an explosive confrontation.
8.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Ben Stiller
Bear Grylls partners with the actor for an action-filled trek.
9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2014
Jimmy Carr challenges Richard Ayoade, David Mitchell, Mel B, Micky Flanagan, Sarah Millican and Kevin Bridges to battle it out.
11.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
With Terry Vogon, Sarah Millican, Dan Stevens and Emma Willis.
1.05 FILM Legend (1985) Adventure, with Tom Cruise. ★★ ★★ **2.45**
FILM Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) Western, with Paul Newman. ★★ ★★ **4.35**
Small Animal Hospital
5.25 FILM Flicka 2 (2010) Drama. ★★ ★★

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55
Access 10.05 FILM Carry On Constable (1960) Comedy, starring Sid James. ★★ ★★ **11.45**
FILM Carry On Teacher (1959) Comedy, starring Ted Ray. ★★ ★★
1.30 FILM Carry On Nurse (1959) Comedy, starring Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques. ★★ ★★
3.15 FILM The Lady Killers (1955) Comedy, starring Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers. ★★ ★★
5.00 FILM A Shot in the Dark (1964) Comedy, starring Peter Sellers and Elke Sommer. ★★ ★★
7.05 Rob Brydon Live
The Welsh comedian delivers a stand-up show.
8.00 Morecambe & Wise Live!
The comic duo offer up some of their best-loved sketches.
9.25 Tommy Cooper's Christmas Special
Joining Tommy are guests Dana, Vic Damone, Andre Tabou, Allan Cuthbertson, Tommy Godfrey, Glyn Houston, Damaris Hayman and Annette Potts.
10.25 FILM Carry on Christmas (1969)
Spoof comedy, starring Sidney James and Terry Scott. ★★ ★★
11.30 Greatest Carry On Films
Counting down the best gags from the comedy movies.
12.35 FILM Carry on Spying (1964) Comedy, starring Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windsor. ★★ ★★ **2.25**
SuperCasino
4.00 Great Scientists
4.25 House Doctor
5.10 House Doctor
5.35 Wildlife SOS

ITV2

6.00 McBusted: The Hot Desk 6.10
FILM Arthur and the Great Adventure (2009) Animation, with Mia Farrow. ★★ ★★ **8.05**
Emmerdale 9.05
Coronation Street
10.05 The Xtra Factor
11.10 FILM Casper (1995) Comedy, starring Christina Ricci. ★★ ★★
1.05 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas
Stop-motion animation.
2.05 Emmerdale It's Andy and Katie's wedding.
3.05 Coronation Street
Does Kylie stand to lose everything?
4.10 FILM Nanny McPhee (2005)
Comedy, starring Emma Thompson. ★★ ★★
6.10 FILM Despicable Me (2010) Animation, with Steve Carell. ★★ ★★
8.00 FILM Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)
Espionage action thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan and Teri Hatcher. ★★ ★★
10.30 Celebrity Juice: Parallel Juicyverse Part 1
Keith Lemon hosts this festive special looking back at series nine and 10 of his panel show.
11.30 Celebrity Juicyverse Part 2
12.35 Two and a Half Men **2.15 Tricked**
3.05 Viral Tap 3.40
Educating Joey
Essex: Football Fever
4.30 Life's Funniest Moments **4.50**
Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.15**
Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.40**
ITV2 Nightscreen

BBC3

7pm Great Movie
Mistakes III: Not in 3D
Robert Webb exposes all the silver screen slip-ups from recent hit movies.
8.00 Doctor Who
The Doctor and Clara face their last Christmas. Trapped on an Arctic base, under attack from terrifying creatures, who are you going to call? Santa Claus!
9.00 FILM The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004)
Knockabout comedy set in the sexist world of 1970s newscasting, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. ★★ ★★
10.30 EastEnders
Life for the Carters continues to explode – can they ever recover? Elsewhere one resident looks set to depart, but will they go as planned?
11.00 Family Guy
Peter learns the importance of spending time with Lois after a near-death experience.
11.25 Family Guy
A karaoke machine is installed in an effort to restore the Drunken Clam's popularity.
11.45 Family Guy
Bonnie convinces Lois to join her tai-jitsu class.
12.10 Family Guy 12.30
Cuckoo: Christmas Special **1.05**
Some Girls **1.35**
Don't Tell the Bride: Let it Snow!
2.30 Bluestone 42
Christmas Special **3.00**
Cuckoo: Christmas Special **3.35**
Vodka Diaries **4.00**
This Is BBC Three **5.30**
Close

Film4

11.00 FILM The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) Comedy, with Michael Caine. ★★ ★★
12.40 FILM A Matter of Life and Death (1946) Drama, starring David Niven. ★★ ★★
2.45 FILM Jumper (2008) Action, starring Hayden Christensen. ★★
4.30 FILM Arthur Christmas (2011)
Animated family comedy, with James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie, Bill Nighy and Jim Broadbent. ★★ ★★
6.35 FILM Iron Man (2008) The world's richest and most powerful arms manufacturer and dealer constructs an iron exoskeleton that gives him superhuman strength which he uses to fight evil. Action, starring Robert Downey Jr. ★★ ★★
9.00 FILM Four Christmases (2008)
Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn star in Seth Gordon's frothy rom-com about a happily unmarried couple who reconsider their relationship after spending Christmas with their families. ★★ ★★
10.45 FILM In Fear (2013)
Jeremy Lovering makes his feature directorial debut with this psychological horror, starring Ian De Caestecker and Alice Englert. ★★ ★★
12.25 FILM Dead Man's Shoes (2004)
Shane Meadows' thriller is set in a small, bleak Derbyshire town, starring Paddy Considine. ★★ ★★
2.10 FILM Shallow Grave (1994) Thriller, starring Christopher Eccleston. ★★ ★★



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BBC One

6.50 Pointless Celebrities
7.40 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List
8.30 Bruce's Hall of Fame One of the biggest names in entertainment celebrate the artists who inspired their careers.
9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Rory is getting plastic surgery, Cathy is hiding something and the family are insisting upon a cost-cutting secret Santa.
10.15 BBC News
10.35 Live at the Apollo With Hal Cruttenden.
11.05 Not Going Out - Outtakes
11.35 Not Going Out

Channel 5

7.35 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees-Up A chance to catch this festive selection from the Cockney singing duo, recorded in 1982.
8.30 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies: Christmas Special Alan Davies throws a party for stars of the last series.
9.30 5 News
9.35 The Haunting Of Radcliffe House Mystery, starring Mathew Modine. A young family move to an isolated estate where the previous owner is reputed to have murdered his wife.
11.30 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours Real-life story of a series of murders in Winnipeg.

BBC Two

7.30 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow Dan and the team take on the rapids of the Grand Canyon.
8.30 Top Gear: Patagonia Special Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May take three V8-engined sports cars on a 1600 mile journey through Patagonia.
9.30 James May's Toy Stories The presenter sets out to prove why old-fashioned toys are still relevant.
10.30 QI XL Stephen Fry presents, with Carrie Fisher, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr, and Alan Davies.
11.15 Harry and Paul's Story of the Twos Comedy drama, with Harry Enfield.

ITV2

7.10 FILM Johnny English (2003) A blundering hero attempts to recover the crown jewels and save Britain from an evil mastermind. Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. ★★ ★★
9.00 FILM Fast & Furious (2009) Highway hijacker Dominic Toretto and FBI agent Brian O'Conner tackle a mysterious drug lord. Action, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. ★★ ★★
11.05 FILM Hostage (2005) A former hostage negotiator-turned-small-town cop finds himself unable to escape his past when a gang attempts to burgle the home of a wealthy accountant. Drama, with Bruce Willis and Kevin Pollak. ★★ ★★

ITV

7.00 FILM Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I (2010) Harry, Ron and Hermione find themselves in mortal danger as Lord Voldemort gains more strength, and begins to undermine the Ministry of Magic. Adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint. ★★ ★★
9.50 Darcy Oake: Edge of Reality Christine Bleakley presents this seasonal special featuring the Britain's Got Talent star.
10.45 ITV News
11.05 An Audience with Joan Rivers As a tribute to the late comedian, another chance to see the special programme, recorded in 2006.

BBC3

7.00 FILM Shrek (2001) In a land of living fairy tales grumpy ogre Shrek, along with the loudmouthed Donkey, joins Princess Fiona in tackling Lord Farquaad's evil schemes. Animated comedy, with Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy. ★★ ★★
8.25 Donkey's Caroling Christmas-tacular
8.30 Don't Tell the Bride: Let it Snow! A loving couple from Rotherham plan to walk down the aisle.
9.30 Russell Howard's Good News The best bits from the series.
10.00 Russell Howard's Good News Topical comedy show.
11.00 Family Guy

Channel 4

7.10 FILM Mission: Impossible II (2000) Ethan Hunt's latest mission is to lead a team which must retrieve and destroy the supply of a genetically-modified disease called Chimera. Action, starring Tom Cruise and Dougray Scott. ★★ ★★
9.30 50 Funniest Moments 2014 Famous faces help count down the year's most unintentionally hilarious incidents, television programmes, blogs, vlogs and snogs, including Nicki Minaj's Anaconda video.
11.35 FILM X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) When a cure for mutants is found, the X-Men face their final battle against Magneto. Action, starring Patrick Stewart. ★★ ★★

Film4

11.00 FILM The Grinch (2000) Comedy, with Jim Carrey. ★★ ★★
1.10 FILM Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979) Adventure, starring William Shatner. ★★ ★★
3.50 FILM Hugo (2011) Animation, with Ben Kingsley. ★★ ★★
6.15 FILM The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) Adventure, starring Kristen Stewart. ★★ ★★
9.00 FILM The Hunger Games (2012) Sci-fi, starring Stanley Tucci. ★★ ★★
11.45 FILM Sleepy Hollow (1999) Horror, starring Johnny Depp. ★★ ★★
1.55 FILM Super (2010) Comedy. ★★ ★★

SUNDAY 28 DEC

BBC One

7.30 Still Open All Hours Granville is determined to improve Gastric's image to match make him with Madge.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow At Durham Cathedral, jewellery specialist Joanna Hardy admires a sweetheart brooch.
9.00 Last Tango in Halifax An unexpected visitor forces Alan to think about his past. Meanwhile, Caroline and a heavily pregnant Kate set a date for their wedding.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News
10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents the action.
11.55 The Football League Show

Channel 5

7.00 World's Strongest Man 2014 The second heat of this year's contest sees Englishman Ben Kelsey and Icelandic Hapthor Bjornsson competing.
7.55 5 News
8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! The task of evicting a mother with two children quickly turns ugly.
9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2014 Featuring incidents such as Solange Knowles unleashing her fury at Jay-Z.
11.55 Autopsy: Michael Jackson's Last Hours The documentary series looks at when the King of Pop died suddenly aged 50.

BBC Two

6.00 FILM John Carter (2012) Action, starring Taylor Kitsch and Lynn Collins. ★★ ★★
8.00 Top Gear: Patagonia Special Jeremy, James and Richard continue their race through Argentina to get to the world's most southern city in time for a game of motor racing.
9.00 Racing Legends: Barry Sheene Jim Moir (Vic Reeves) tells the life story of the 70's motor racing champion.
10.00 House Of Fools Sitcom, starring Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer.
10.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Guests include Louis Walsh.
11.00 The Wrong Mans Comedy drama.

ITV2

6.20 FILM Die Another Day (2002) While on assignment in North Korea, James Bond 007 is captured by government agents and imprisoned, but when he finally wins his freedom not everyone is certain he is still up to the job. Action, with Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry. ★★ ★★
9.00 FILM The Bourne Identity (2002) A government assassin wakes up with amnesia and goes on a mission to piece together his identity. Action, starring Matt Damon. ★★ ★★
11.15 FILM Saw II (2005) Horror sequel in which the psychopathic Jigsaw returns to continue playing his macabre games. Tobin Bell stars. ★★ ★★

ITV

7.00 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera One-off documentary featuring eyewitness footage shot by the public, including the worst weather of 2014.
8.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special Vernon Kay hosts a festive special edition, as Coronation Street battle it out against Emmerdale.
9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on the Night Griff Rhys Jones unleashes never-seen-before TV errors.
10.00 ITV News
10.15 Through the Christmas Keyhole With Jonathan Ross, Louis Walsh and Kym Marsh.
11.15 Premiership Rugby Highlights

BBC3

7.00 The Gruffalo Animation based on the classic children's picture.
7.30 The Gruffalo's Child Animated film based on the best-selling children's picture book.
8.00 FILM Shrek 2 (2004) Animated comedy sequel, with the voices of Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy. ★★ ★★
9.25 Live at the Apollo Hal Cruttenden introduces stand-up from Justin Moorhouse and Tom Stadel.
9.55 Bad Education Alfie desperately tries to persuade Miss Gulliver to come to dinner with him.
10.25 Family Guy
11.10 American Dad!
11.55 Cuckoo: Christmas Special

Channel 4

6.00 FILM The Golden Compass (2007) In a parallel universe, a feisty young girl embarks on a perilous journey to rescue her best friend. Adventure, with Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig. ★★ ★★
8.00 The Hotel Hotelier Mark Jenkins returns to Torquay for the summer season in the role of entertainments manager at the struggling 90-bed Cavendish Hotel.
9.00 Homeland After their return to the USA Carrie and Saul investigate the events that she witnessed in Islamabad.
10.15 Gogglebox 2014 The best moments.
11.50 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2014 Alex Zane presents.

Film4

11.00 FILM Coraline (2009) Animation, starring Dakota Fanning. ★★ ★★
1.05 FILM King Solomon's Mines (1985) Action, with Richard Chamberlain. ★★ ★★
3.10 FILM Tor! Tor! Tor! (1970) Action, starring Martin Balsam. ★★ ★★
6.00 FILM Independence Day (1996) Action, starring Will Smith. ★★ ★★
8.50 The Theory of Everything Interview Special
9.00 FILM Contraband (2012) Action, starring Mark Wahlberg. ★★ ★★
11.05 FILM Lawless (2012) Drama, starring Shia LaBeouf. ★★ ★★

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MONDAY 29 DEC

BBC One

6.20 FILM The Muppets (2011) Comedy, starring Jason Segel and Amy Adams. ★★★★★

8.00 EastEnders Will the Walford residents ever be the same again?

8.30 Miranda Will Miranda run away from both proposals?

9.05 Mapp and Lucia Comedy drama based on EF Benson's novels, set in the quaint village of Tilling.

10.05 BBC News: Regional News

10.30 Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey Documentary about Oscar-winning actress Audrey Hepburn.

11.35 Sport Relief 2014 - The Final Score Highlights.

Channel 5

5.35 What The Dambusters Did Next Documentary examining the missions undertaken by No 617 Squadron.

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! High Court Enforcement Agent Paul is on the trail of a £30,000 debt.

7.55 5 News Update

8.00 World's Strongest Man 2014 Eddie Hall competes in the third heat in Los Angeles.

8.58 5 News Update

9.00 FILM The Rock (1996) Action, starring Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage. ★★★★★

10.10 5 News Update

11.50 FILM Reservoir Dogs (1992) Drama, with Harvey Keitel and Tim Roth. ★★★★★

BBC Two

7.30 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow The team continues down the Grand Canyon in antique wooden boats.

8.30 Christmas University Challenge Jeremy Paxman presents as University of York compete with the University of Surrey.

9.00 Snow Wolf Family and Me Gordon Buchanan travels to the Canadian arctic where the white wolves have never seen humans.

10.00 Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian Profiling the comic, who found fame with his blend of sketches and stories.

11.00 The Wrong Mans Comedy drama.

ITV2

6.45 FILM Back to the Future (1985) Rip-roaring time-travel comedy in which 1980s high school kid Marty McFly is accidentally sent back to the 1950s in a DeLorean time machine. Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd star. ★★★★★

9.00 FILM The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) A former CIA hitman with amnesia joins forces with a London reporter to uncover the truth about his past. Action, starring Matt Damon and Joan Allen. ★★★★★

11.20 Celebrity Juice: 2041 - A Juice Odyssey With Pamela Anderson, Verne Troyer and Gino D'Acampo.

ITV

7.00 Emmerdale Megan wonders if she can trust Jai, while Belle is grateful for Katie's support.

7.30 Coronation Street Steve's debts catch up with him.

8.00 Countrywise Liz Bonnin visits a wildlife rescue centre in Scotland, as the series concludes.

8.30 Coronation Street Will Steve face up to the pressure?

9.00 Christmas Epic Fails Angus Deayton presents a selection of comic clips including cringe-worthy gifts, festive fads and cheesy songs.

10.00 ITV News

10.15 FILM Atonement (2007) Drama, starring Keira Knightley. ★★★★★

BBC3

7.00 FILM Bolt (2008) Animated adventure, with John Travolta and Miley Cyrus. ★★★★★

8.30 FILM Shrek the Third (2007) The death of King Harold means Shrek is next in line for the throne. Animated comedy, with Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy. ★★★★★

9.55 Hammy's Boomerang Adventure RJ the raccoon makes a video.

10.00 Bad Education Headmaster Mr Fraser has organised a special guest speaker for Drugs Awareness Day.

10.30 EastEnders Will the Walford residents ever be the same again?

11.05 Family Guy

11.50 American Dad!

Channel 4

6.00 FILM The Italian Job (1969) Action, starring Michael Caine and Noel Coward. ★★★★★

8.00 Mini Cooper: For the Love of Cars Actor Philip Glenister and car designer Ant Anstead aim to find, rescue and restore a Mini Cooper Mk1.

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special Jimmy Carr, Sean Lock and Jon Richardson are joined by Kathy Burke and Alex Horne.

10.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2014 Jimmy Carr invites a panel of celebrities including Richard Ayoade and David Mitchell to review the year's events on the comedy panel show.

Film4

11.00 FILM Dragonball Evolution (2009) Action. ★★

12.40 FILM Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) Animated comedy. ★★★★★

2.30 FILM The Simpsons Movie (2007) Animation, with Dan Castellaneta. ★★★★★

4.15 FILM Leap Year (2010) Comedy, starring Amy Adams. ★★★★★

6.15 FILM Transformers (2007) Action, starring Shia LaBeouf. ★★★★★

9.00 FILM Trading Places (1983) Comedy, starring Dan Aykroyd. ★★★★★

11.20 FILM The Station Agent (2003) Comedy. ★★★★★

TUESDAY 30 DEC

BBC One

6.05 FILM Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (2012) Animation, with the voices of David Schwimmer and Ben Stiller. ★★★★★

7.30 EastEnders Emma continues to grow suspicious of her friends and neighbours.

8.00 Holby City Mo needs a date for her sister's wedding. Harry helps Raf enjoy New Year.

9.00 Mapp and Lucia The Tilling Summer Exhibition provides Lucia with a new battlefield.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News

10.25 FILM Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007) Action, starring Johnny Depp. ★★★★★

Channel 5

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Paul Bohill and his team are forced to face an emotional eviction as they attempt to repossess an apartment in London.

7.55 5 News Update

8.00 World's Strongest Man 2014 In the fourth heat, Mark Felix and Laurence Shahlaei compete.

8.58 5 News Update

9.00 Elvis By The Presleys The story of Elvis's life and career, told by those who knew him best, his family.

11.00 Elvis - The 1968 Comeback Special Recalling Elvis's television show of 3 December 1968, with hits like Jailhouse Rock.

BBC Two

7.30 Christmas University Challenge Bernard Hill and John Thomson take on Corrie Corfield and singer Neil Innes.

8.00 Sacred Wonders of Britain Neil Oliver investigates what it was about Britain's landscape that inspired the nation's ancestors to reshape the land.

9.00 Snow Wolf Family and Me Gordon Buchanan reveals the nature and family values of this feared predator.

10.00 Charlie Brooker's 2014 Wipe The host is back for his annual review.

11.00 Dave Allen: The Immaculate Selection Comic anthology.

ITV2

6.45 You've Been Framed and Famous! Harry Hill showcases some of the best celebrity lookalike clips.

7.50 FILM Miss Congeniality (2000) Action comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Benjamin Bratt. ★★★★★

10.00 Unseen Celebrity Juice Tit Bits Compilation of moments from twelve series of Keith Lemon's comedy panel show.

10.50 Celebrity Juice: Saturday Night Takeaway Special With duo Ant and Dec, their Takeaway co-star Ashley Roberts and comedian Rob Beckett.

11.35 Two and a Half Men US sitcom.

ITV

7.00 Emmerdale Nicola struggles as she hides the truth, while Belle turns to Lachlan for help.

7.30 Wilderness Walks with Ray Mears The presenter is in the Isle of Skye. Last in series.

8.00 FILM Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (2011) Adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint. ★★★★★

10.30 ITV News

10.45 Birds of a Feather Dorien treats Sharon and Tracey to a trip to the Canaries.

11.15 FILM American Gangster (2007) Drama, starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe. ★★★★★

BBC3

7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes With Robert Webb.

7.25 FILM StreetDance (2010) A London dance crew training for the UK Street Dance Championships are forced to work with ballet dancers. Drama, with Nichola Burley. ★★★★★

9.00 FILM Shrek Forever After (2009) An ogre makes a deal with Rumpelstiltskin, who sends him to an alternate reality where he was never born. Adventure, with Mike Myers. ★★★★★

10.25 The Pig Who Cried Werewolf A familiar face returns.

11.00 Family Guy

11.50 American Dad!

Channel 4

7.00 Channel 4 News

7.05 Come Dine with Me Christmas Special Helen Flanagan, Kirsten O'Brien, Mark Dolan and Shaun Ryder compete.

8.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent The property expert is in Hereford, where he tries to help a newly separated couple sell their house.

9.00 David Blaine: Real or Magic? The illusionist mystifies celebrities including Jamie Foxx, Woody Allen, Harrison Ford, Bryan Cranston and Ricky Gervais.

10.20 FILM The Look of Love (2012) Biographical drama, starring Steve Coogan and Matt Lucas. ★★★★★

Film4

11.00 FILM One Million Years B.C. (1966) Adventure, with Raquel Welch. ★★★★★

1.05 FILM Arthur Christmas (2011) Animation. ★★★★★

3.05 FILM Gulliver's Travels (2010) Fantasy, with Jack Black. ★★★★★

4.45 FILM Mr. Popper's Penguins (2011) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. ★★★★★

6.35 FILM The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) Adventure, starring Xavier Samuel. ★★★★★

9.00 FILM Battleship (2012) Action, with Alexander Skarsgård. ★★★★★

11.35 FILM Top Gun (1986) Action, starring Tom Cruise. ★★★★★

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BBC One

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 **FILM The Cat in the Hat** (2003) Family comedy. ★★ **10.15 FILM Eight Below** (2006) Drama. ★★★★★ **12.05 Bargain Hunt** **12.50 BBC News; Regional News** **1.10 FILM Ratatouille** (2007) Comedy, with Brad Garrett. ★★★★★ **2.50 FILM Monsters vs Aliens** (2009) Sci-fi animation, with Reese Witherspoon. ★★★★★ **4.15 Top of the Pops New Year's Eve** **5.20 Pointless Celebrities** **6.05 BBC News; Regional News** **6.35 Celebrity Mastermind** **7.05 FILM Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (2008) Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford. ★★★★★ **9.00 Mapp and Lucia** Mapp is convinced that her visitor is a fraud. **10.00 BBC News** **10.15 The Graham Norton Show** Special New Year's edition. **11.15 Queen + Adam Lambert Rock Big Ben Live** **11.55 New Year's Eve Fireworks** **12.10 Queen + Adam Lambert Rock Big Ben Live...** continued **12.30 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special** **1.10 John Bishop Live: Elvis Has Left the Building** **2.20 FILM Old School** (2003) Comedy. ★★★★★ **3.50 Weather for the Week Ahead** **3.55 BBC News**

BBC Two

6.05 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom **7.05 Empire of the Desert Ants - Natural World** **8.05 Saboteur** **9.50 Alfred Hitchcock: Talking Pictures** **10.30 Shadow of a Doubt** **12.15 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure** **1.15 FILM Becoming Jane** (2007) Drama, with Anne Hathaway and James McAvoy. ★★★★★ **3.10 Coast Australia** **4.00 Big Dreams** **Small Spaces** Monty Don is in Snowdonia. **5.00 Wild Brazil** A fierce drought ensues. **6.00 Flog It!** Paul Martin visits St Petroc's Church in Bodmin. **7.00 Tigers about the House: What Happened Next** Tiger cubs Spot and Stripe approach their birthday. **8.00 Christmas University Challenge** Jeremy Paxman presents a festive edition of the quiz. **8.30 FILM The Help** (2011) Drama, starring Emma Stone, Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer. ★★★★★ **10.45 Mock the Week** Guests include Ed Byrne and James Acaster. **11.20 Jools's Annual Hootenanny 2014** A host of musical stars, from Ed Sheeran to Hayseed Dixie join Jools Holland as he reflects on 2014 and celebrates the arrival of the new year. **1.40 Glastonbury 2014 Highlights** **3.45 This Is BBC Two**

ITV

6.00 Dinner Date **7.00 Good Morning Britain** **8.30 Lorraine** **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** **10.30 Judge Rinder** **11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?** **12.25 All Star Family Fortunes** **1.10 ITV News** **1.20 Secret Dealers** **2.20 The Queen's Garden** **3.25 FILM Goldfinger** (1964) Classic spy thriller, starring Sean Connery and Honor Blackman. ★★★★★ **5.35 The Chase** Quiz show, with Bradley Walsh. **6.30 ITV News; Regional News** **7.00 Emmerdale** Lisa and Zak uncover Belle's new distraction, and Robert finds himself torn. **7.30 Coronation Street** Steve tries to win back Michelle and Number 8 has a new resident. **8.00 Rita & Me** Documentary celebrating Rita's greatest moments in Coronation Street and telling the story of actress Barbara Knox. **9.00 A Funny Old Year 2014** Jason Manford looks back at the best, worst and strangest stories of the year. **10.00 Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This** Drama, with David Threlfall, focusing on the life of the performer. **11.55 ITV News** **12.10 FILM Carry on Camping** (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James. ★★★★★ **1.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show** **USA 2.25 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

Channel 4

5.55 Small Animal Hospital **6.20 How I Met Your Mother** **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** **7.30 FILM The Valley of Gwangi** (1969) Thriller, starring James Franciscus. ★★★★★ **9.20 FILM The Brady Bunch Movie** (1995) Comedy, starring Shelley Long. ★★★★★ **11.00 The Big Bang Theory** **11.25 The Simpsons** **12.25 FILM Five Children and It** (2004) Adventure, starring Tara Fitzgerald. ★★★★★ **2.15 FILM Home Alone 3** (1997) Comedy, starring Alex D. Linz. ★★ **4.20 FILM Fantastic Mr. Fox** (2009) Adventure, starring George Clooney. ★★★★★ **6.00 The Simpsons** Lisa becomes uncharacteristically lazy. **6.30 Hollyoaks** Frankie and Robbie offer to help Nancy. **7.30 Channel 4 News** **8.00 Frozen at Christmas** A look at how the movie Frozen became the cultural phenomenon of 2014. **9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Spectacular** Guests include Jonathan Ross, Alesha Dixon, Mark Wright, James Corden and Seann Walsh. **11.05 50 Funniest Moments 2014** **1.05 C4's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows** **2.55 The IT Crowd** **3.50 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent** **4.45 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures** **5.55 Secret Eaters** **5.50 How I Met Your Mother**

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 World's Strongest Man **11.10 FILM Carry On Regardless** (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James. ★★★★★ **1.00 FILM The Vikings** (1958) Action, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis. ★★★★★ **3.10 FILM The Dirty Dozen** (1967) Second World War action drama, starring Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine. ★★★★★ **6.05 Tommy Cooper's Christmas** Classic comedy with failed magic tricks. **7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** Paul, Steve and Ben move to evict a large group of squatters from an office block in central London. **7.55 5 News Update** **8.00 World's Strongest Man 2014** In the final heat, Englishman Graham Hicks has his work cut out as he competes in a field that includes reigning champion Brian Shaw. **8.58 5 News Update** **9.00 Britain's Favourite Sitcoms** Comedian and presenter Mel Giedroyc narrates a countdown show looking at the nation's most treasured sitcoms. The programme features contributions by Shelley Long, Ardal O'Hanlon and Leslie Ash. **12.00 The Abba Years** **1.00 SuperCasino** **4.00 Great Scientists** **4.25 Chinese Food In Minutes** **4.30 Chinese Food In Minutes** **4.45 House Doctor** **5.35 Wildlife SOS**

ITV2

6.00 You've Been Framed! **6.25 You've Been Framed at Christmas** **6.45 Emmerdale** **7.10 I'm a Celeb: Stars of Oz** **8.00 The Xtra Factor Winner's Story** **9.00 The X Factor Class of 2014** **10.05 FILM Back to the Future** (1985) Sci-fi comedy, starring Michael J. Fox. ★★★★★ **12.20 Emmerdale** Nicola struggles as she hides the truth. **12.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Three editions of fiery debate. **4.10 You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill presents comical incidents. **4.45 FILM Nanny McPhee** (2005) Comedy, starring Emma Thompson and Colin Firth. ★★★★★ **6.40 FILM Back to the Future, Part III** (1990) Sci-fi comedy, starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd. ★★★★★ **9.00 FILM GoldenEye** (1995) M asks James Bond to discover who is behind the skyjacking of an ultra-secret NATO Tiger helicopter. Action, starring Pierce Brosnan and Sean Bean. ★★★★★ **11.40 Celebrity Juice** Keith Lemon presents. Among the guests on the panel this time are McFly's Harry Judd and Dougie Poynter. **12.25 Celebrity Juice** **1.55 Two and a Half Men** **3.25 Release the Hounds** **4.10 Life's Funniest Moments** **4.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen**

BBC3

7pm FILM Puss in Boots (2011) A suave cat teams up with a fellow thieving feline and his old friend Humpty Dumpty to embark on an exciting quest. Adventure, with the voice of Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek. ★★★★★ **8.20 Puss in Boots: The Three Diablos** **8.30 Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers** The duo's happy home life is disrupted by a pair of techno-trousers and a mysterious penguin with a cunning criminal plan. **9.00 The FA Cup's 50 Greatest Moments** Former England captain Rio Ferdinand and pop star Olly Murs look back at the most celebrated and memorable moments from the greatest domestic cup competition in the world. With contributions from FA Cup heroes Thierry Henry, Jack Wilshere, Ryan Giggs, Steven Gerrard, Michael Owen, Vinnie Jones, Gary Lineker and Ruud Gullit. **11.00 Family Guy** Peter and the guys go on a fishing trip, but they end up in choppy waters that leave them stranded on a desert island. **11.25 Family Guy** Brian dates Meg's teacher after being introduced at a PTA meeting. **11.45 Family Guy** Chris runs away to South America. **12.10 Family Guy** **2.00 Sexy Beasts** **3.00 Festivals, Sex and Suspicious Parents** **4.00 This Is BBC Three** **5.30 Close**

Film4

11.00 FILM The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) Adventure, starring Georgie Henley. ★★★★★ **1.15 FILM Johnny English Reborn** (2011) Action, starring Roger Barclay. ★★★★★ **3.20 FILM Journey to the Center of the Earth** (2008) Action, starring Brendan Fraser. ★★★★★ **5.10 FILM The Muppet Christmas Carol** (1992) Comedy, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★★ **6.55 FILM Tower Heist** (2011) Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy and Gabourey Sidibe are among the ensemble cast of Brett Ratner's comedy about a group of people who take revenge on a thieving businessman. ★★★★★ **9.00 FILM Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (2011) Scientist Will Rodman finds that testing a cure for Alzheimer's on apes has unexpected consequences. Action, starring Andy Serkis. ★★★★★ **11.05 FILM Coming to America** (1988) Eddie Murphy stars in this modern-day fairy tale which sees him cast as Prince Akeem, a wealthy and pampered African prince who heads to America looking for a bride. ★★★★★ **1.25 FILM Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (2010) Action, starring Michael Cera. ★★★★★



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BBC One

6.00 Breakfast 9.00
FILM Bee Movie (2007)
 Animated comedy. ★★ ★★
10.25 Over the Hedge
11.40 Life Story
12.45 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
12.50 BBC News; Regional News
1.10 The Boy in the Dress
2.10 FILM Mary Poppins (1964) Musical comedy, starring Julie Andrews. ★★ ★★
4.25 FILM The Adventures of Tintin: Secret of the Unicorn (2011) Animated adventure, with Jamie Bell. ★★ ★★
6.05 BBC News; Regional News
6.30 Roald Dahl's Esio Trot A retired man is secretly in love with his neighbour. However, she only has eyes for her tortoise.
8.00 Miranda Miranda tries to find contentment.
8.30 EastEnders New Year gets off to an explosive start.
9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special Agnes asks Buster Brady to fit a new alarm system.
10.10 BBC News; Regional News
10.35 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents football highlights.
12.10 Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga: Cheek to Cheek Live! **1.05 FILM Road Trip** (2000) Comedy. ★★ ★★ **2.35 Skiing Weatherview**
2.40 BBC News

BBC Two

6.15 The Great Interior Design Challenge 7.15 Close Calls: On Camera
7.45 Alec Guinness: Talking Pictures 8.30 FILM The Lavender Hill Mob (1951) Comedy, starring Alec Guinness. ★★ ★★ **9.50 FILM A Hard Day's Night** (1964) Comedy, with John Lennon. ★★ ★★ **11.15 New Year's Day Concert Live from Vienna**
12.50 Snow Wolf Family and Me a
1.50 Snow Wolf Family and Me
2.50 FILM Galaxy Quest (1999) Comedy, starring Tim Allen. ★★ ★★
4.25 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
4.30 Final Score
5.30 FILM Force 10 from Navarone (1978) Action, starring Harrison Ford. ★★ ★★
7.30 Tigers about the House: What Happened Next Featuring Sumatran tiger cubs Spot and Stripe.
8.30 Christmas University Challenge Jeremy Paxman asks the questions.
9.00 FILM Quartet (2012) Dustin Hoffman's comedy, starring Maggie Smith. ★★ ★★
10.30 Julie Walters: A Life on Screen Documentary profiling the life of the actress.
11.30 Mock the Week
12.05 FILM Frenzy (1972) Hitchcock drama, starring Jon Finch. ★★ ★★
1.55 FILM Stick It (2006) Comedy, starring Missy Peregrin. ★★ ★★
3.35 This Is BBC Two

ITV

6.00 CITY 8.25 Dinner Date 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show 10.20 Judge Rinder 11.20 Who's Doing the Dishes?
12.25 All Star Family Fortunes
1.25 ITV News
1.35 Secret Dealers
2.35 You've Been Framed! With Harry Hill.
3.05 FILM Thunderball (1965) Action, starring Sean Connery. ★★ ★★
5.45 Rita & Me Documentary celebrating Coronation Street star Barbara Knox's character.
6.45 ITV News
7.00 You've Been Framed! at Christmas Harry Hill narrates more festive comical clips.
7.30 Emmerdale Chrissie lays the blame on Robert's shoulders.
8.30 Birds of a Feather Dorian tries to push Sharon towards a new career. Tracey however, has got her hands full with a despondent Garth.
9.00 FILM The Dark Knight (2008) Christopher Nolan's action adventure sequel, starring Christian Bale, Heath Ledger and Michael Caine. Batman raises the stakes as he sets out to destroy organised criminal activity in Gotham City for good. ★★ ★★
11.55 ITV News
12.00 The Cube 12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 3.40 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel 4

5.50 How I Met Your Mother 6.15 FILM The 3 Worlds of Gulliver (1960) Adventure, starring Kerwin Mathews. ★★ ★★
7.55 FILM The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad (1958) Action, starring Kerwin Mathews. ★★ ★★ **9.45 The Big Bang Theory 10.10 The Big Bang Theory 10.40 FILM The Simpsons 11.10 FILM The Last Mimzy** (2007) Sci-fi, with Joely Richardson and Rainn Wilson. ★★ ★★
1.00 LIVE Channel 4
Racing Nick Luck and the team present action from Cheltenham.
3.30 Guy Martin's Passion for Life
4.00 Channel 4 News
4.10 FILM The Wizard of Oz (1939) Adventure, starring Judy Garland and Frank Morgan. ★★ ★★
6.10 FILM Sister Act (1992) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg and Maggie Smith. ★★ ★★
8.00 FILM Snow White and the Huntsman (2012) Action fantasy, starring Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron and Chris Hemsworth. ★★ ★★
10.30 Rude Tube Welcome to 2015 Alex Zane presents a countdown of top internet clips from the past 12 months.
12.35 FILM The Godfather (2007) Francis Ford Coppola's drama, starring Marlon Brando. ★★ ★★ **3.30 Trans World Sport 4.30 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent SOS 5.25 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 5.40 Small Animal Hospital**

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 Access 10.00 World's Strongest Man 11.00 FILM The Dam Busters (1954) Drama, starring Richard Todd. ★★ ★★
1.25 FILM The Italian Job (1969) Action, with Michael Caine and Noel Coward. ★★ ★★
3.30 FILM Ben Hur (1959) A Jewish prince is betrayed and sent into slavery by a Roman friend and sets out to regain his freedom and get revenge. Drama, starring Charlton Heston. ★★ ★★
7.30 Hercules the Human Bear Documentary telling the story of Andy and Maggie Robin and their relationship with a grizzly bear called Hercules.
8.30 World's Strongest Man Twelve contestants take up the challenge in the grand final of the competition.
9.30 5 News
9.35 White Dee: Benefit Queen Documentary which pulls away the mask of the controversial star, following her as she becomes immersed in public appearances.
10.35 Celebrity Big Brother: The Good, The Bad And The Unforgettable Emma Willis narrates a clip show featuring memorable moments from the series.
12.35 Jim Davidson: At Least I'm Not Boring 1.35 SuperCasino 3.10 World's Strongest Man 2014 4.00 Wildlife SOS 4.20 Wildlife SOS 5.10 House Doctor 5.35 Wildlife SOS

ITV2

6.00 You've Been Framed! Full Throttle 6.50 I'm a Celeb: Epic Trials 7.30 Emmerdale 8.20 Coronation Street 8.50 FILM Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) Comedy, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. ★★ ★★
10.40 FILM Back to the Future, Part III (1990) Comedy, starring Michael J. Fox. ★★ ★★
1.00 Emmerdale Lisa and Zak uncover Belle's new distraction.
1.25 Coronation Street Gary's luck changes for 2015.
2.00 FILM The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) Action, starring Jeff Goldblum. ★★ ★★
4.25 FILM Despicable Me (2010) Animation, with Steve Carell. ★★ ★★
6.20 FILM Die Another Day (2002) Action thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan as James Bond. ★★ ★★
9.00 FILM Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004) A hapless woman gets cold feet about her relationship, and takes a new job alongside her devious former boss and lover. Comedy, starring Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth. ★★ ★★
11.10 Unseen Celebrity Juice Tit Bits Compilation of highlights from Keith Lemon's comedy show.
11.55 Celebrity Juice Keith Lemon hosts.
12.40 Celebrity Juice 1.25 Two and a Half Men 1.50 Two and a Half Men 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

BBC3

7pm Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be With You Robert Webb presents more film clips
7.30 Top Gear: India Special Equipped with three old cars and a range of uniquely British products, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May set off on a road trip across one of the world's most fascinating and challenging countries.
9.00 FILM Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004) San Diego's top-rated anchorman reigns supreme in the all-male world of television news, until the arrival of an ambitious female reporter. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. ★★ ★★
10.30 EastEnders Despite secrets and lies, happiness and new beginnings, the new year gets off to an explosive start for all the wrong reasons for a few of the residents.
11.30 Family Guy Cleveland has trouble with his marriage after his wife is caught in bed with Quagmire.
11.55 Family Guy Lois lets Peter win at Trivial Pursuit, which leads him to gloat and think he is a genius.
12.15 Family Guy 12.40 Family Guy 1.00 Cuckoo: Christmas Special 1.30 Sexy Beasts Three episodes.
3.30 Cuckoo: Christmas Special 4.00 This Is BBC Three 5.30 Close

Film4

11.00 FILM Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) Jim Carrey stars in the sinister family adventure. ★★ ★★
1.05 FILM Hugo (2011) Martin Scorsese's fantasy adventure, based on Brian Selznick's illustrated novel, is a family-friendly extravaganza, with Asa Butterfield. ★★ ★★
3.30 FILM Transformers (2007) Earth becomes the battleground between the good Transformers and the bad, who are searching for the all-powerful Allspark, which could destroy humanity. Action, starring Shia LaBeouf. ★★ ★★
6.30 FILM Runaway Jury (2003) Gene Hackman, John Cusack, Dustin Hoffman and Rachel Weisz star in this gripping legal thriller adapted from a John Grisham novel. ★★ ★★
9.00 FILM Slumdog Millionaire (2008) A young boy's victory in a TV quiz show leads to accusations of cheating, forcing him to recount the story of how he came to be on the programme and knew the answers to the questions. Drama, starring Dev Patel. ★★ ★★
11.25 FILM Man on Fire (2004) Denzel Washington stars in Tony Scott's violent revenge thriller. ★★ ★★
2.15 FILM Weekender (2011) Two men are drawn into the world of rave parties. Drama, starring Jack O'Connell. ★★ ★★

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County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week.

Errol Flynn Filmhouse

■ Set Fire to the Stars

Thursday

■ Mr Turner

Friday-Tuesday

■ The Drop

Bob Saginowski finds himself at the centre of a robbery gone awry and entwined in an investigation that digs deep into the neighbourhood's past where friends, families, and foes all work together to make a living - no matter the cost.

Friday and Tuesday

■ The Nightmare Before Christmas 3D

(pictured)

Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas Town, but doesn't

quite understand the concept.

Saturday

■ Bolshoi Live: The Nutcracker

Sunday

■ It's a Wonderful Life

An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

Wednesday

To book tickets call the box office on 01604 624811

Lings Forum

■ Fury

Thursday

■ Penguins of Madagascar

Friday-Tuesday

■ My Old Lady

An American inherits an apartment in Paris that comes with an unexpected resident.

Friday-Tuesday

WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Magical Merlin to cast a spell over the stage

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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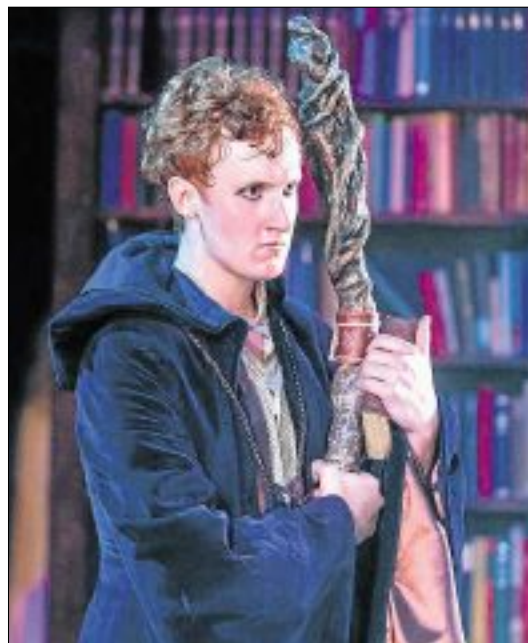
This Christmas the Royal stage is transformed into the mythical world of Camelot and Arthurian legends, with the world premiere of Ella Hickson's *Merlin*.

A co-production with Nuffield, Southampton, this delightful family show brings Royal & Derngate's Made In Northampton 2014 season to a festive conclusion on Sunday, January 4.

Featuring some extraordinary and hilarious characters, from petulant princesses to vile villains and talking trees, this world premiere production tells the story behind one of the most famous legends of all time and it promises to be a real festive treat.

Tickets cost from £9.50 to £24 and can be booked by calling 01604 624811 or visiting www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

Merlin is recommended for ages seven and upwards.



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Comedian, television presenter and all-round entertainer Joe Pasquale leads the cast as Smee in Northampton's premier pantomime Peter Pan at Royal & Derngate this Christmas.

Joe is joined by Ceri Dupree, as Ms Smee, and Alex Giannini

as the fearsome Captain Hook in this enchanting tale brought magically to life by Qdos Entertainment, the world's largest pantomime producer.

Featuring an abundance of comedy, fabulous costumes, amazing flying sequences and a good helping of fairy dust,

this is an unmissable treat for all the family.

Peter Pan will be captivating audiences until Sunday, January 4.

Tickets are £9 to £28. You can book by calling 01604 624811 or visiting www.royalandderngate.co.uk

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FRIDAY

Christmas entertainment in Northampton town

Christmas Land Train: Take a ride around the Market Square on a land train. Operating between 11am-4pm all weekend.

German Christmas Market: A perfect chance to pick up some unique gifts from 10am-9pm. It runs until Sunday.

The Boogieland Bavarian Oompah Band: Fully equipped with traditional dress and instruments. See them play between noon and 2pm in Abington Street.

SATURDAY

Frozen sing-along film show

Watch the original movie at Stanwick Village Hall with all the lyrics to sing along to. There will be a three metre screen and 400 watts of sound. Dressing up is encouraged! The film starts at 4.30pm. It costs £4 for adults and £3.50 for children (under 15).

Soul Shaka in aid of the Swivel Club at Rushden Bowls Club

A tribute to the very best of soul and Motown will raise money for local people in need. Music starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available at www.swivelclub.com or by calling 01933 312860.

SUNDAY

One of your last chances to watch Peter Pan panto at Royal & Derngate before Christmas

Join acclaimed comedian Joe Pasquale and the most fabulous pantomime dame in the business, Ceri Dupree, on a magical trip to Neverland. There are shows at 1pm and 5pm. Tickets cost from £16 from www.royalandderngate.co.uk to book.



JM Barrie's much-loved fairytale about the boy who never grew up might be a children's classic, with its pirates, fairies and dreamlike adventures. But as the basis for a modern-day pantomime, it's got some worrying flaws. In this version written by the normally ultra-reliable Eric Potts, there's no panto dame, no messy kitchen scene and no glamorous wedding scene finale.

What it does have, fortunately for the screaming youngsters in attendance, is Bradley Walsh as an affable, cheeky Mr Smee, running rings round David Bedella's hissable Captain Hook and taking the audience on a daft, likeable journey to Neverland. He's constantly watchable, never mean in his comedy and a steady hand at the helm.

See our website for Michael Davies full review of the production as well as reviews of the shows at Northampton.

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Gremlins (Re) (12A)

Fri: 20:15.

Wed: 16:00.

Nativity 3: Dude, Where's My Donkey? (U)

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Paddington (PG)

Fri, Sat: 09:45, 10:30, 12:00, 13:00, 15:30, 18:00, 20:30, 23:00.

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The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (12A)

Fri, Sat: 12:20, 14:00, 15:40, 17:20, 19:00, 20:30, 22:15.

Sun, Mon, Tues: 12:20, 14:00, 15:40, 17:20, 19:00, 20:30, 22:05.

Wed: 12:20, 14:00, 15:40, 17:20, 19:00, 20:30

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (12A)

Fri: 10:15, 14:30, 15:50, 17:30, 18:40, 20:15, 23:10.

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The Muppet Christmas Carol - Disney Days at Vue (U)

Sat, Sun: 11:00

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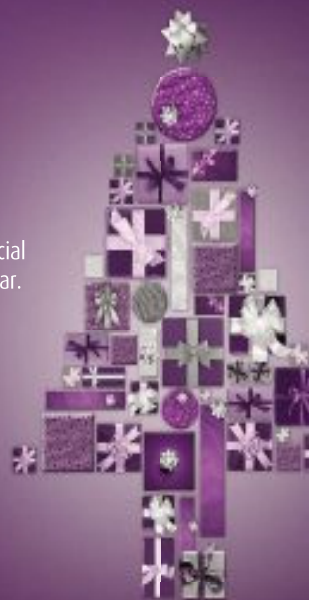


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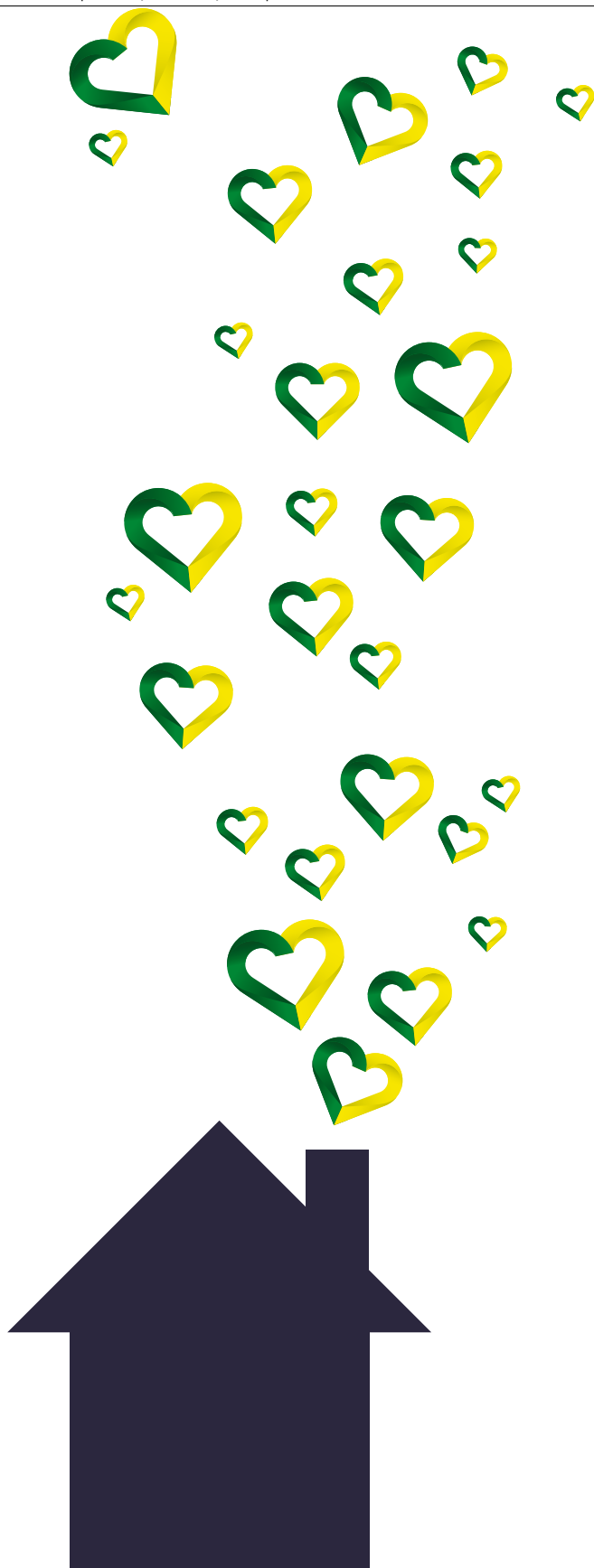


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Although we'd obviously bought property four years ago, it was the first time that we were faced with selling a property. Plus the fact that it was a shared ownership property made it a rather daunting prospect.

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Sadly, we ended up losing the initial buyer several weeks later which was obviously a worry to us having already paid upfront fees to buy our next house.

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Carl went through a lot of stress and worked so hard to make sure he secured another buyer for us and kept us in the loop every step of the way.

Even when the solicitors went quiet, Carl continued to keep us informed about everything that was happening which was a huge relief during a very stressful time in the run up to completion.

If I'm being completely honest I found selling and buying a property pretty stressful whilst trying to hold down a busy job and in the run up to Christmas, but Carl made it that bit less stressful which is what you need from an estate agent.

So thank you to Carl and Everyone at Millers for doing a fantastic job, I will recommend the company to anyone that asks and I hope you go on to please many more buyers across Northampton.

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Vauxhall has clearly been working with a big budget for this model but as much as it would like us to think it's all new, well, it's just not.

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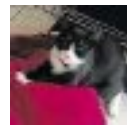
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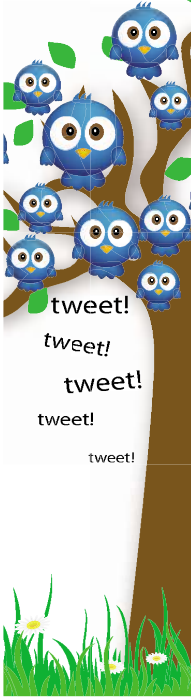
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

- N/2014/1303** Northampton Working Mens Club 56A Sheep Street
Variation of condition 2 of planning permission N/1988/0249 to extend the opening times to Midnight (00:00) on Fridays and Saturdays. Within Holy Sepulchre Conservation area.
- N/2014/1325** 3 - 7 Hazelwood Road
Replacement of all doors and windows. Within Derngate Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1359** 9 - 13 Drapery
Installation of 3no non - illuminated projecting signs. Within All Saints Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1363** Land to the rear of 28 - 30 Main Road
Erection of 3 bed detached dwelling Within Duston Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1365** 19 Drapery
Change of use of ground floor and basement from retail (use class A1) to restaurant and hot food takeaway and erection of rear extraction flue. Within All Saints Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1375** Collingtree Primary School Lodge Avenue
Variation of condition 2 of planning permission N/2014/0211 in order to alter the design of previously approved fence. Within Collingtree Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1382** McDonalds 9 - 13 Drapery
Installation of new shop front. Within All Saints Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1383** McDonalds 9 - 13 Drapery
Replacement and new signage to existing restaurant including 2no. non - illuminated vinyl window decals. Within All Saints Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1387** Garage to side of 5 Primrose Hill
Demolition of existing garage and erection of six one bedroom apartments. Within Barrack Road Conservation Area.
- N/2014/1388** Flagpole Delapre Park London Road
Erection of a 6m flag pole and flag. Within Delapre Park Conservation area.
- N/2014/1389** Flagpole Park Avenue South
Erection of 6m a flag pole and flag. Within Abington Park Conservation area.
- N/2014/1396** Princess Marina Hospital Weedon Road
Reserved matters application following outline approval 07/0004/OUTWNN and full planning application 11/0041/REPWNN (to extend the time limit of implementation) for the approval of 107 dwellings. Major Application.

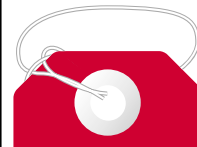
Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and any other documentation submitted at the One Stop Shop, Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Plans can also be viewed on-line at www.northampton.gov.uk, click on 'planning' and then 'planning search facility'. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by 15/01/2015

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, STOKE BRUERNE)

(20 MPH AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 82, 83, 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 20 mph or 30 mph along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of road to which it relates may be inspected at Roade Library, High Street, Roade or at the offices of The Traffic Order Section, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX during normal office hours.

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This Order will become effective on the 19th December 2014.

Dated this 18th day of December 2014

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of LGSS Law

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SCHEDULE 1

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

- 1 Mill Lane - entire length.
- 2 Chapel Lane - entire length.
- 3 Bridge Road / Shutlanger Road - between its junction with Mill Lane and a point 40 metres west of its junction with Church Lane.
- 4 Church Lane - entire length.
- 5 Bakers Lane - entire length.
- 6 Rookery Lane - between its junction with Mill Lane and a point 22 metres east of that junction.
- 7 Grafton Road - between its junction with Bridge Road and a point 183 metres south-east of that junction.

SCHEDULE 2

30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

- 1 Grafton Road - between a point 183 metres south-east of its junction with Bridge Road and a point 248 metres south-east of that junction.
- 2 Rookery Lane - between a point 22 metres east of its junction with Mill Lane and a point 368 metres east of that junction.
- 3 Bridge Road / Shutlanger Road - between a point 40 metres west of its junction with Church Lane and a point 18 metres west of its junction with Wentworth Way.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, NORTHAMPTON)

(WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND

ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION)

ORDER 2011 (AMENDMENT No. 25) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (Various Roads, Northampton) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 as specified in the schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Northampton Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton during normal opening times or at Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Orders, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX by 15th January 2015.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(UPPER MOUNTS, NORTHAMPTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along the length of Upper Mounts, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The length of Upper Mounts, Northampton from junction of Earl Street to junction of Church Lane.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for investigation work into possible void.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th January 2015 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

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Wilder – We've lost ten games by Christmas so we're realistic

COBBLERS

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Chris Wilder launched into his players after their 3-2 defeat to Plymouth Argyle.

Among the many admissions by Wilder post-match were that the last ten minutes – when the Cobblers nearly staged a comeback from 3-0 down – had papered over the cracks.

The angry Cobblers boss also revealed that he wanted to get rid of a number of players, was hauling the squad in at 8am on Sunday, and that the team's priority was to reach 50 points.

Wilder told reporters following the game: "It was a really disappointing day. From the start before kick-off we get an injury, and I'm going to have to deal with that situation because that can't keep happening.

"Ryan Cresswell declared himself fit yesterday, and I get a tug at 2pm from the physio that there's a problem with him. It's just a situation I need to deal with between the player and the physio, because letting a manager know at 2pm that a player can't play isn't good enough. That will be dealt with.

"We wanted to get a positive start and we played an attacking team.

"Everyone talks about the first goal in a game, but we might as well have just told them we were starting a goal down, because the first goal is a gift.

LATE WITHDRAWAL: Ryan Cresswell missed out against Plymouth due to an injury in the warm-up
Picture: Andy Kearns



"It's nothing intricate from their point of view, there's no block and it's a free header by someone who is a defender who doesn't want to be aggressive enough and doesn't want a role of responsibility.

"It's happened too many times, and I understand people shouting at me asking what we do in the week. But we do set-pieces for and against, but when the big game comes and people don't take responsibility then it puts us on the back foot.

"I've never been more furious in the first five or ten minutes than I have

today, and that's over 500 games that I've managed.

"It will take me a while to get my stamp on the team. I want us to be disciplined and organised, but positive.

"For the second goal, I'm sure the players are bored of hearing what me or Alan Knill would have done. But possibly 5,000 of us would have stuck him in the stand and taken a booking. He's skipped through five or six challenges and that's unacceptable.

"At half-time I'm having to change the shape of the team, and then we

go and concede a ridiculous third goal. It isn't good enough, the last five or ten minutes have really papered over the cracks. There's a lot of hard work to do, more than I possibly expected."

Wilder admitted that the performance of his defence was concerning him, and that sorting out this side may take longer than he originally expected.

He also warned a number of players that he is looking to move them on in a bid to stamp his own authority on the team.

He said: "We've got enough attacking players on the pitch, but it's the other part I'm concerned about; the free headers, the lack of aggressiveness from my back four, the lack of tackles flying in and the lack of closing down.

"I thought we lacked mental courage, and we were physically second best, and not against a massive side.

"I've brought players in and some haven't worked. There are players that need to be moved on, and the only way you can do that is when contracts expire.

"I've made players available for loan, and I'd be worried if I were some players here because for some of them there have been no enquiries. There won't be any knocking at my door, I'd be embarrassed if they were asking why they weren't playing. I don't give a monkey about their opinion.

"We will sort it out, but it will possibly take longer than expected. At

the moment I've not got the balance right, and I'll work at it. There will be some disappointed people. We'll get it right because there's a lot of expectation and it's a good club. I thought the supporters were right to voice their displeasure at the performance and at me.

"I've maybe been a bit too nice with this group. I'm bringing the players in at 8am tomorrow. I think it's right that they come in and I interrupt their plans because that certainly wasn't good enough for me.

"It's my way or the highway, and starting tomorrow morning I'll start being stronger with the players. We have to start getting our hands dirty."

Hopes had been high for this Cobblers squad at the beginning of the season, but Wilder admitted that he was re-assessing his target for the season.

He said: "First and foremost, I've heard people talking about the play-offs, but without being negative at the moment we have to get 50 points as quickly as possible, then see what contracts are out in the summer.

"There are certain players that we have to look at. There are players in my plans though, I'm looking at the likes of Richards, Diamond, Cresswell and Lawson.

"But there's a lot of work to be done, and maybe after the last three seasons, we might have to settle for a mid-table situation.

"I don't like that, but we've lost ten games by Christmas and you have to be realistic."

Opinion: Pilgrims leave poor Cobblers all at sea

COBBLERS

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Columnist Tom Reed has his say on the Cobblers' poor 3-2 defeat at home to Plymouth Argyle on Saturday.

The Cobblers suffered a damaging 3-2 home defeat to Plymouth Argyle on Saturday in a match that will have serious ramifications for their season.

A fortnight after pledging to push his side back into the play-off positions, Northampton boss Chris Wilder has radically altered his short-term aims to "get to 50 points" in a bid to stave off relegation.

Wilder went further by talking of a Cobblers cull with players that "need to be moved on", showing, none too subtly, that it may be the stick rather than the carrot for his under-performing squad. Such talk brings up worrying memories of Gary Johnson transfer listing ten players before Christmas.

Cobblers were all at sea against John Sheridan's Argyle, a side that looked a close match on paper.

The Pilgrims wouldn't let Northampton settle and scored from a free header after only two minutes at Sixfields. Argyle centre-back Peter Hartley lost a flat-footed Ben Tozer to thump a Bobby Reid corner past Matt Duke.

Losing Ryan Cresswell to injury in the warm-

up was frustrating for Wilder and conceding via a free header would have made his blood boil on this bitterly cold Northampton day.

It's worth mentioning that Cobblers had a full two-week break to play this badly and things worsened on the cusp of half time as Argyle's left wing-back Andy Kellett slalomed through various weak challenges to double Plymouth's lead.

For those not in attendance (lucky you) think a five-foot-nothing League Two Ricky Villa if the Argentinian had been running through defenders made of melting snow.

How someone could dribble from far touchline to six-yard box with not so much as a halting defensive toe was farcical.

Plymouth were, man for man, better than their opponents, particularly in first touch and basic passing skills with midfield playmaker Bobby Reid standing out.

That said, Cobblers did have patches of possession but again fell back on the desperate ploy of starting to play when they were 2-0 down.

This sort of cowardly football has defined Northampton's season having conceded three or more goals on seven separate occasions.

Perhaps Cobblers are victims of being too



NO CONSOLATION: Stewart Murdoch's strike counted for nothing

professional, with journeyman players, many who live a commute away from the town having little desire to "play for the shirt".

There certainly seemed to be few breaking sweat on 63 minutes as Lewis Allesandra swept through the Northampton defence to put sleepwalking Cobblers to bed.

Northampton did rally late on with a well-hit

forward signings. Cobblers face a grim Christmas with a bleak trip to Carlisle this weekend followed by a Boxing Day home tie with Bury.

At full time against Plymouth, the Christmas tree atop the Northampton Lift Tower shone on the black horizon, much like Cobblers' play-off pretensions which seem a distant vision.

Stewart Murdoch volley and an Ivan Toney tap-in reducing the deficit but it was a token effort.

Focus will now turn to the players ripe for the chop in Wilder's threatened cull. Loanees Jordan Archer and Daniel Alfei must head the list having failed to show why they are anywhere near the books of Premier League sides.

Kelvin Langmead too could well be out of the door at Sixfields with competition strong on the centre back positions and the twenty-nine-year-old's injury record going against him.

After that, the one-paced midfield trio of Darren Carter, Ricky Ravenhill and John-Joe O'Toole are replaceable albeit difficult to shift for contractual reasons.

Maybe Wilder is banking on using cash from the sale of Ivan Toney to overhaul his squad and in that case, Emile Sinclair, whose heart doesn't seem to be in it, could also make way for a pair of



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Hartley among the magnificent seven

SAINTS



Saints skipper Dylan Hartley, pictured, is among seven Northampton players who have signed new contracts at Franklin's Gardens.

The hooker, who was offered a lucrative move to French side Montpellier, is joined by fellow forwards Courtney Lawes, Calum Clark, Alex Waller, Ethan Waller, James Craig and Gareth Denman in penning new deals.

Director of rugby Jim Mallinder said that he was delighted that all seven players had put pen to paper as he aims to defend the Premiership title and capture the European Rugby Champions Cup this season.

"We have a group that has shown time and again that they have the ability to compete at the highest level of club rugby, and retaining players is very important to us," he said.

"The seven forwards that we have announced today are all good players already, but they still have the ability to improve and we are looking forward to seeing them develop further at Franklin's Gardens."

In his column for The Sun, Hartley said loyalty to the English champions was more important to him than the potential salary he could have pocketed in France.

He said: "It's no secret I was offered a deal to join one of the leading French sides - Montpellier - which would have been worth significantly more. But money isn't everything,

"I don't want to come across all 'holier than thou' over this, but I do believe the word loyalty has gone out of fashion a bit - and for me that really means something."

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Ruthless Saints complete their Italian job in style

SAINTS

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Northampton boss Jim Mallinder admits the plan was to never let the intensity slip as Saints underlined their European Rugby Champions Cup credentials with a 'ruthless' 67-0 win over Treviso.

They had secured a bonus point win in Italy the week before but redoubled their efforts at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday, as Ken Pisi and replacement Samu Manoa bagged hat-tricks late on.

George North, Kahn Fotuali'i, George Pisi, Ben Foden and a penalty score took the try tally to 11 in a game brimming with attacking intent.

Mallinder said: "It was clinical. Right from the start we talked about being clinical, being ruthless and keeping it going for the full 80 minutes.

"Even though we saw a bit of magic in that last 20 minutes with some really nice passes and really nice attacking play, I was pleased with the whole 80 minutes.

"We got our basics right, got our set piece eight, put them under pressure early on and scored some cracking tries."

Northampton will take a full measure of confidence into their remaining two Pool 5 games - a



TRY TIME: Kahn Fotuali'i crosses against Treviso
Picture: Andy Kearns

tough trip to Ospreys before welcoming Racing Metro, whom they lost to in the opening round, to Franklin's Gardens in January.

And Mallinder says a double-header with the weakest side in the group, Treviso, proved a Christmas present come early.

"We're fortunate with the draw. "To get Treviso has helped us this

season," he added.

"In the past, we've had Ulster and Leinster as our back-to-back games and that's really, really difficult. It tests you.

"We've been able to give opportunities to some players, freshen a few up and so hopefully we're in good shape in the next few weeks back in the Premiership.

"We didn't get too carried away, we didn't play seven-a-side rugby, we kept our shape, kept our discipline and it was a good, professional performance."

Saints return to Premiership action on Saturday with a highly anticipated East Midlands derby at home to Leicester Tigers. See our website for build-up.

Fail wins national crown

BOXING

Aaron Fail was victorious at the National England Junior Novice finals to give Far Cotton ABC coach John Daly his first national champion after ten years at the club.

The 16-year-old was awarded his bout against Stevenage's Charlie Day on a split decision at Merlins on the Isle of Sheppey.

In round one both fighters delivered accurate punching to the head and in a close second Fail's left jabs and right uppercuts were a factor.

Before the third and final round, Fail was instructed to box on the attack but not to get too close to Day.

He carried out the advice perfectly to the delight of Daly who was watching the contest.

Although this is the coach's first national champion he has formerly guided Morgan Bosley to a three nations title.

"When his name was read out it was a great feeling," said Daly.

"Aaron is my first national champion after ten years at the club and there is more to come from him."

World Cup for Coetzer

CRICKET

Northamptonshire batsman Kyle Coetzer has been named as a member of Scotland's 24-man squad for next year's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

The experienced player is included in the party that will be coached by Grant Bradburn, a New Zealander, with assistance from former England all-rounder Paul Collingwood.

Scotland recently returned from a three week trip to New Zealand and Tasmania, which they used to assess conditions ahead of the 2015 tournament.

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ANNOYED: Chris Wilder
Picture: Andy Kearns

FURIOUS

• Wilder blasts Town squad after Cobblers flop against Plymouth

• Players could be moved on as Northampton find themselves ten points adrift of the League Two play-off spots

Chris Wilder hauled his Cobblers players in at 8am on Sunday morning after Saturday's dismal 3-2 defeat at home to Plymouth Argyle, and has threatened to show the exit door to Northampton Town's under-performers.

The Sixfields chief said he had 'never been more furious' during the first five to ten minutes of the clash with the Devon side after more than 500 games in management.

Town hadn't played any football for two weeks after their first round exit from the FA Cup left the previous weekend

blank but they were behind after just two minutes when Peter Hartley netted for Argyle. Plymouth then opened up a 3-0 lead and although Northampton threatened an unlikely comeback, the two goals they registered merely papered over the cracks on a disappointing afternoon.

Wilder, who had set his sights on a play-off spot, has now made an initial target of reaching 50 points with his side 16th in League Two ahead of the trip to Carlisle on Saturday.

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